

The Carillon

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It feels so good to be writing an article for the Carillon! I'm back and I've missed my church family! I deeply appreciate my maternity leave, and I am grateful for the many people who continued the work of ministry in my absence. The time away allowed me to recover physically, emotionally, and spiritually so that I can come back and be the best pastor possible. Even more, the time allowed me to be with our son, Thomas, and our growing family. Thomas is a sweet, happy, cute little baby (even if I do say so myself), and we have loved getting to know him.

One of the things I've learned about Thomas is that he is a sucker for lullabies. I know this is a bit cliché, but I promise it's absolutely true. He can be crying in your arms, but he calms down quickly when you start singing. He gazes up into your eyes and starts to coo along.

Music has an amazing effect on human beings. It gets down deep in the soul and speaks to the parts of us that need to be soothed or reassured. Maybe that's why favorite songs are so easy to remember. I've heard of residents in nursing homes singing their favorite songs long after memories have failed.

Of course, the power of music is one of the reasons hymns and worship songs are so important to the life of the church. The lyrics of certain songs proclaim the identity of God and reassure us of God's promises. Our favorite songs of faith soothe, inspire, and affirm us during both the trials and joys of life.

It's got me thinking...what are YOUR favorite hymns and worship songs? The songs you pick might say a lot about your own theology. I would love for you to take a moment and share your favorites with me. A brief questionnaire is included in this Carillon. Consider filling it out and returning it to the church. There will also be some forms on the tables at coffee hour throughout the month of August. To be clear, I'm not asking what you want played at your funeral, although they might be one and the same. What are the songs of faith that make you want to coo along as a child of God?

I look forward to hearing your thoughts!

Much peace,
Pastor Amy

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August Communion

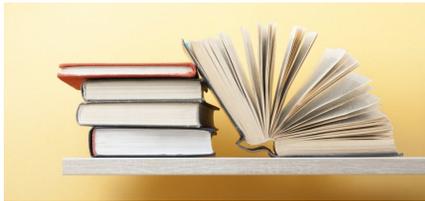
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the worship service on **Sunday, August 11.**



New Beginnings Book Group

The New Beginnings Book Group will meet **Thursday, August 8, at Cabin Coffee in Waterloo at 9:30 am.**

If anyone wants to join this wonderful group and needs a copy of the book, please contact Mary Kabel.



Fall Programming

As we enjoy the wonderful days of summer, it is okay to plan for an exciting fall. We will officially kick-off our fall programming on **September 8th!** The Christian Education and Fellowship Team will host a potluck after the worship service and teams will present their programming opportunities at this time. Please plan to join us and learn about our great adventures for the coming year.

Openings for Pulpit Flowers in 2019

The following dates are open to provide pulpit flowers. Please call the Church Office if you wish to reserve one of these dates. They will be filled on a first-come basis.

Open Dates are:

August 18
September 1, 15, 22
December 8

Coffee and Conversation

We continue in the month of August to gather in Calvin Hall before worship for coffee and conversation! We hope you can join us at 8:45 in Calvin Hall before Worship.



*Nurture Faith
Support Mission,
Work for Justice and Peace*

Hope you are having a great summer! However fall programs will soon be starting. Rebekah Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Calvin Hall for Bible Study. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, September 18, 2019.** If you are not currently a member of Rebekah Circle, but would like to come for the Bible Study, you are welcome to join us!

Jan Schwab will be leading the Bible Study, "Love Carved in Stone, A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments". Study books are \$10.00 and large print books are \$15.00. Please place your order with Lynda Cose at 319-296-2046 by August 15. If you subscribe to Horizons magazine, you should have already received a copy of this study book.

Enjoy the rest of summer!



Irish Fest Parking Fundraiser

The Building and Grounds Team is sponsoring a parking fundraiser during the Irish Fest on **August 2, 3, and 4, 2019.**

The events during all three days of the Irish Fest will be in downtown/Lincoln Park area, and our parking lots are well located for people attending the festivities. We will be charging \$10 per vehicle to park in any of our lots. However, church members may park in our lots at no cost. The funds raised during this event will help with the costs of much-needed repairs to our beloved bell tower. A portion of the proceeds will also support our bell choir at their upcoming retreat.

Thank you to those who have signed up! If you are still wondering if you can help, please contact the church office.

Ice Cream Social

THE HEAT IS ON! Summer took its sweet time getting here but it has been a warm one. What better way to cool off than ice cream. It's that time of year! The Annual Ice Cream Social is just around the corner.

Mark your calendars for Monday August 19th from 5:00-6:30 pm. Come join us for sloppy joes, hot dogs, baked beans, chips, pie and, of course, ice cream. The cost for tickets is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids ages 4 to 11; ages 3 and under will eat free. The Fellowship Hall will be the place.



Tickets will be going on sale Sunday August 4th in the hall. We will also have sign up sheets to contribute pies or to help out with the social itself. We hope to see you there!

Session Highlights from July

The Session of First Presbyterian Church met Tuesday, July 16, 2019. Rev. Amy Wiles called the meeting to order and a quorum was declared. She opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer. Minutes of the May Session meeting were approved. The Treasurer's reports for May and June were approved and filed for audit.

Our fall programming will begin September 8th with a potluck following worship.

The Ice Cream Social is August 19, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed.

Building and Grounds will host a fundraiser by charging for parking during Irish Fest. Volunteers will be needed.

The Bell Tower will be repaired soon.

Stewardship Report

	Current Period (June)	YTD 2019	Annual Budget	YTD 2018
Total Income	\$ 15,788.00	\$ 137,014.16	\$365,466.00	\$226,245.08
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 28,748.39</u>	<u>\$ 194,847.52</u>	<u>\$365,466.00</u>	<u>\$226,880.33</u>
Excess Income/Expenses	-12,960.39	-57,833.36	0.00	-635.25

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir will meet once more on **August 11**. We will gather at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in the sanctuary to rehearse a simple song and then sing it during the worship service. Please join us!

Chamber Music in Our Sanctuary

On July 15, we welcomed Cedar Valley Chamber Music and the YWCA to our church. CVCM gave a concert and an overview of classical music to a group of about 50 youth and adults from the Y. Everyone had a great time! The trio that was performing said “Wow!” when they walked into our beautiful sanctuary!



Piecemaker Quilters

The Piecemaker Quilters will not meet during the month of July or August. The next time the group will gather is **Saturday, September 21**. Watch for further information about the next project in the September Carillon.

Back-to-School Supplies Drive

Starting on **Sunday, August 11**, we will be collecting school supplies for our new Partner in Education, Cunningham School for Excellence. The supplies are distributed by the teachers to students who may not have all that is needed. This is our first activity with Cunningham, and we want to do a great job for them! Cunningham’s partners have not traditionally conducted a supplies drive for the school, and the principal is excited that we have suggested this activity.

There will be a table in Calvin Hall for the supplies you donate. Suggested supplies that can be used include:

- Box of 24 crayons
- Pack of dry erase markers
- Scissors, Glue Sticks, Pink Erasers
- Plain-colored spiral notebooks, wide ruled, 70-100 sheets
- Package of loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- 5”x8” supply box
- #2 pencils with erasers
- Box of tissues
- Classroom size Hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes



We will be collecting the supplies through **Sunday, September 1**.

Joyful News!

First Church Family Birthdays for August



Kitty Ott and Lorraine Baker want to thank everyone who attended their recent birthday celebration. We had a great time and enjoyed all the wonderful greetings and cards. Thank you for making our day special!

Dear First Church Family,

Thank you for the diapers, wipes, books, and other gifts given at the Baby Shower in June. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and truly moved by your show of support. Thomas loved meeting his church family! First Presbyterian has always cared for our family so well. The love shown at the shower was just another reason why we are grateful and humbled to call you our church home.

Thank you again,
The Wiles Family

Dear First Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for the kindness you shared with us at the Baby Shower in June. We are so thankful for the diapers, wipes, books, and other treasured gifts for Baby Swenson. As we await his arrival, we can't help but feel the large amount of support pouring out from this church family. We look forward to sharing with you all his arrival and his name when he chooses to grace us with his presence.

Thanks again,
The Swenson's

Aug 2 Liz Poole
Aug 4 Danielle DeSerano
Aug 6 Kira Sommerlot
Aug 7 Chris Bass, Betty Wexter
Aug 13 Donna Harman, Larry Lightbody
Aug 14 Ryan McDowell
Aug 15 Marsha Platt
Aug 17 Connie Dawson
Aug 19 Craig Sage
Aug 20 Kevin DeSerano, Marsha Muir
Aug 21 Judy Lee
Aug 22 Mary Davis, Joann Lockard, Megan Schellhorn
Aug 24 Lucas Robinson
Aug 27 Kari O. Narey, Mallory Sage
Aug 30 Dennis Bunger, Will Kabel, Jennifer Lightbody, Megan Wheelock

Blessed are the Children

Congratulations to Libby and Anthony Whyte on the birth of their daughter, Olive Matthew, on June 25, 2019. Proud grandparents are Russ and Rhonda Frerichs; great grandmother is Gloria Frerichs.

Congratulations to Stephanie and Brady Swenson on the birth of their son, Sawyer Eugene, on July 23, 2019.



Fall Programming

Coming Soon!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Amy and Pastor Pat are excited to share that Tuesday Morning Bible Study will resume on **September 10, at 8:30 a.m.** at the Waterloo Panera. Be on the look out for more information in the coming month!

The Well

Junior and Senior High Fellowship will resume **Sunday, September 8, from 4:00-5:00** in the Youth Room. This will be a night of fun, games, and good snacks! More information will come in the following month to help get us excited for another great year ahead!

SHINE

All Elementary Children and younger along with their parents are welcome to a Kick-off on **Wednesday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m.** at Cedar Falls First Presbyterian Church. This will be a night you won't want to miss! Look for more details in the September Carillon!

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Come one, come all! The Sanctuary Choir will start regular Wednesday night rehearsals again on **Wednesday, September 4th.** If you enjoyed singing with us during the summer, we'd love to have you stop by and share your gifts with us again. We love to make music and laugh together, and we welcome anyone with a willing heart and voice.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dakota Andersen at anderdav@uni.edu or 641-919-1177. We hope to see you there!



Celebration Ringers

The Celebration Ringers will resume regular Wednesday night rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 4th.** More information on time and activities for that evening will be shared as the day approaches! Contact Melody Steed with any questions you might have!

Children, Youth, and Family Fellowship

Stephanie Swenson, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

A Look at Summer

As I sit here looking outside at the bright sun shining through, I find it hard to believe that yet again, summer is almost over! Our Children and Youth have been busy with Camps, Sports, Musicals, Jobs, and new adventures! I can't help but think of how lucky I am to be a part of this church family and the amount of love and support shown for each child in this family. Our Children and Youth have been blessed with your support to help them experience camp at Lakeshore Center as well as a week of Vacation Bible School. I'm so thankful for the dedication to this ministry shown by the members here at First Presbyterian.

As I plan to take time to be with my new child and husband, I am thankful for the support of the Church Staff as well as the members here. I look forward to returning in the Fall to continue my work in this ministry with great programming. I will be excited to hear about the summers that were had and the memories made by each of the children and youth here at First Presbyterian.

Much Love and Peace,
Stephanie Swenson

Paige Bass at Lakeshore
Center at Okoboji during
Wacky Tourist Camp at
Arnold's Park —>



<—Brody Powell at
Lakeshore Center at
Okoboji during Wacky
Tourist at Bible Study
around the Swing Circle

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