

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## **First Presbyterian Church**

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### **Summer Schedule:**

10:00 a.m. Worship



## **Mary and Martha**

The story is really about Martha, isn't it? She is the one who is irritated. She is the one who's stressed. She's probably hot, too, from cooking over a fire. We find this story in the 10th chapter of Luke, and we get the sense that there's a lot more going on with Martha than the gospel tells us, lots of things stuffed down in her soul.

Counselors say that impatience is the best sign that our souls are overwhelmed with clutter. When we are at our ugliest, snapping at others to hurry up, underneath that short-tempered behavior, if we stop for a moment, we will realize that we are actually in pain, feeling tender, lashing out to protect ourselves. Martha is certainly impatient. My guess is that underneath her crabby words is

a bruised spirit.

But the answer is not to help her with the dishes, apparently. Maybe Jesus helped her with the dishes earlier. Maybe he helped her sweep the floors, and shake out the rugs. Maybe Jesus knew that after the dishes, for Martha, there's always another problem. After that problem, something else.

I like the way Jesus invites Martha to stop. Just stop. He's known her a long time, and he can see that it's hard for her to spare even a few minutes to sit and have her spiritual cup refilled.

Here in Iowa, it's especially difficult during this time of year, I think, for all of us to pause. Summer is a super busy season. Lots of hard work. And lots of it is fun. But sometimes, we start snapping. Just like Martha, we start picking on others, feeling like we're the only one doing the work. It's all on our shoulders. The responsibilities are all on us

Jesus says, *Maybe it's time for you to stop. Maybe it's time for you to take a break. Not later, when everything is finished and perfect. How about now? How about stop right now?*

I love how he says that this quiet time will have lasting benefits. The blessings that come from this personal time-out will not be taken from us. He says this to Martha, which makes me smile.

Because even then - before the industrial and technological revolutions of the modern world - Jesus had to remind Martha that if she would 'unplug' herself from her stressors, her life would improve immediately. Why wait to let God care for you? Why wait until all the chores are done? Why not let God care for you right now?

*Emory*

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## **MRNC/Pennington Bible Study & Worship**

On Saturday, August 10th at 4:15 pm, we will be starting back up our Saturday Evening Bible Study & Worship. Pastor Emory will lead the class and service in the 600 Dining Hall at Monticello Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. All are welcome to this Saturday Evening Bible Study & Worship.

# You're Invited!

**The Takes family has invited *YOU*** to a church picnic at their home: 23721 Garryowen Rd, Cascade, IA 52003. (Fifteen minute trip from church, three miles east of Cascade on Bellevue-Cascade Rd)

John and Stacey, along with their children, Riley and Robyn, invite all to a picnic on **Saturday, Aug 10 at 6:00 p.m.** They will provide meat, grill and table service items (plates and silverware). Please bring a dish to pass, your drinks and lawn chairs. Ask friends and family to join us, the more the merrier.

The garage is air conditioned and wheel chair accessible to the house for those with walkers to access the bathroom, no steps necessary.

They have LOTS of yard games if the weather cooperates. Hope to see you there!



## NOTICE: Church Directory to be Updated

We will be doing a new church directory! We are excited to be trying something new. Wouldn't it be great to have updated family pictures? Now is the time as they **won't cost you a thing!** Stacey Takes has agreed to take the pictures and design a book for us. She is graciously offering multiple opportunities to have your family photo taken for the directory.

- During the church picnic, Saturday Aug 10, at her home.
- Before or after church. She has also volunteered to bring her camera to church so feel free to catch her any time before or after church.

If this doesn't work, call her 563-543-7246 to schedule a time that works for you and your family. Her evenings are pretty flexible.

Provide her your contact information and she can send them to you to print as you wish. You will be able to view your pictures before they are put in the directory. The directory will be available for purchase once it has been created. We don't want to miss anyone so if you are unable to make something work with Stacey in August, feel free to submit a picture you have already. They can be submitted to [office@fpcmonticello.org](mailto:office@fpcmonticello.org).



## Presbyterian Pie Service

The Pie Committee will be working on the following Mondays: August 12 and 26.

- **Cost of pies is \$10.00.**
- **Crust in tins is \$2.00.**
- **Pie crust flats are \$2.00.**

The committee always has fruit pies in the freezer at the church, and they also offer gift certificates.

Please contact the church office at (319) 465-3393 or Pam at (319) 480-7700 to place orders.

## Newsletter Deadline

Have news or information to submit to FPC's monthly newsletter? Submit information by the 20th of the month to the office via phone 319-465-3393 or send an email to [office@fpcmonticello.org](mailto:office@fpcmonticello.org) for publishing. Thanks!

*Mackenzie*

# Labor Day Brunch

You are invited to brunch hosted by First Presbyterian Church on Labor Day. **Monday, September 2** from 8 am to 11 am., come to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy brunch. If you would like to donate your self or supplies, please contact Peg at 319-465-5469. Open to the public. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$5, under age 5 eat free.



## Food Pantry Receives New Fridge!



Thank you to all generous donors here in Monticello, the Food Pantry has received their new refrigerator unit to help them store fresh produce, eggs, etc. If you have any extra produce from your gardens this summer, please drop off your donations during food pantry hours.

**Mondays**

**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Wednesdays**

**10 a.m. - 12 noon**

**Fridays**

**2 p.m. - 4 p.m.**



## Welcome - Mackenzie Kahler

In July we welcomed our new office administrator, Mackenzie Kahler. Two interviews were conducted during which the personnel committee was convinced that she is qualified and capable of filling the bill. She presents as professional, ambitious and tech savvy with a "can-do" attitude. The only downside, according to Curt, is that she and her family are St. Louis Cardinals fans.

Mackenzie was born, raised and currently resides in Monticello. She is the daughter of Scott and Sheryl Snyder. She is married to Nick Kahler and they have three children, Gavin, 13, Anicka, 10, and Beckett 7.

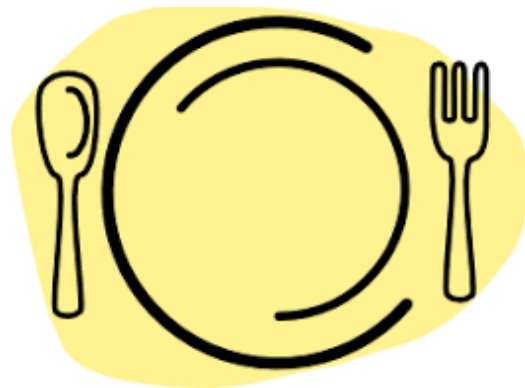
When she isn't busy chasing her busy family, she enjoys cooking/baking, spending time outside with her family, reading and quilting. Stop in and say hello!



## Youth to Montreat Conference

By the time you read this, a small group of youth and adults from First Presbyterian Church will be in North Carolina for a youth conference. Some made the drive on Friday, July 26, while others flew out early Saturday morning, July 27. The conference is held from July 27th to August 3rd. No matter how they all got there, they are excited to enjoy the experience that Montreat will provide for them. This will be an opportunity for the small group to study, worship, and bond. Upon return, they will share what they have learned with the congregation and also begin planning for their return in 2020 in hopes of making this an annual event. God bless and safe travels to the group.

## Food at First Resumes



Food at First meals are the third Wednesday of the month from **5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** After taking the summer off, we will start back up again on **Wednesday, September 18th.**

There will be door prize drawings for those who attend this first dinner so make sure to mark your calendars!

If you would like to donate anything or help please contact: Jo Zirkelbach, 319-480-5703.

## FPC's Lindsay Ryan Creates Outreach Program for Differently Wired Children and Their Parents - Meeting Here at FPC

Learn more about TiLT in a note from Lindsay:

TiLT together is a community for parents raising exceptional kids. There is tremendous value in gathering with parents who truly “get” what they’re experiencing. This community will share resources, support, friendships, and more. TiLT has excellent guest speakers lined up, including professionals from Camp Courageous, the Arc, Monticello Community School District, Peace of Mind Therapy, Witwer Occupational Therapy, BE Fitness, and Cedar Rapids Eye Care. All of the resources, tips, and support shared at these meetings will not only benefit the parents, but will help the parents advocate for their kids and empower these amazing children to reach their full potential. Beyond resources and support, TiLT has a bigger vision: to shift the mindset of a community. This is a mindset shift from disability-focused to ability-focused empowerment of differently-wired individuals. Differently-wired isn’t a deficit. It’s an evolution. These kids have so much to offer. TiLT is excited to bring this wonderful group of people together under the roof of First Presbyterian Church! TiLT wishes to thank everyone for supporting this initiative and providing a comfortable space for them to meet.

**TiLT  
TOGETHER**  
PARENT GROUP


  
FOR PARENTS RAISING DIFFERENTLY WIRED KIDS

**PLEASE JOIN US**

AUTISM, ADHD, ANXIETY,  
LEARNING DIFFERENCES,  
SENSORY PROCESSING ...

FOR RESOURCES, SUPPORT, MENTORSHIPS, AND FRIENDSHIPS

EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT  
(STARTING SEPTEMBER 17, 2019)  
6:00-7:30 PM  
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