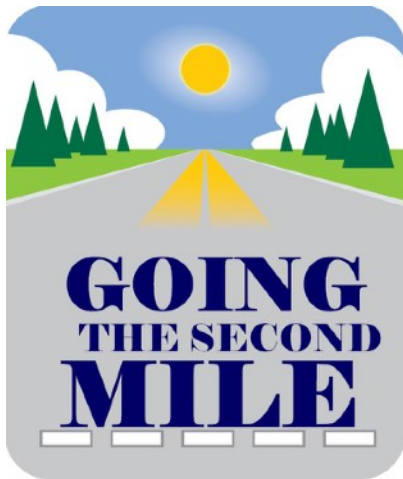


News at First

JUNE 2022 | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our Mission: To make known the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: We are empowered to live out our faith in daily life.



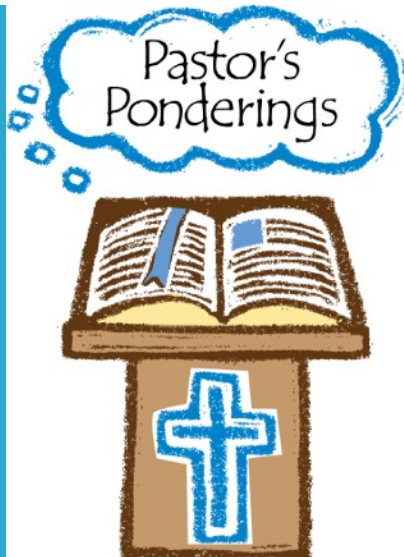
In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, he teaches, "If anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile" (Matthew 5:41, NRSV). Back then, Jews were subject to Roman rule and often compulsory service. Commoners could be forced to fetch water, carry baggage and perform other menial tasks. So Jesus

suggests that rather than complying with gritted teeth and muttered curses, people offer to carry the pack a second mile as well.

These days, the second (or extra) mile denotes going beyond what's expected or required, whether in effort or kindness. In *Going the Second Mile*, Mel Blackaby describes the concept as "the difference between living as a good person and enjoying life as a child of God." He explains, "When you 'do your best' for someone, you go the first mile. When God does his best through you, you experience the second mile. This can happen only when you let Christ in you take over and empower you to accomplish what is impossible by your natural abilities. While others see you on the first mile, they see Christ on the second."

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Session calls for a special congregational meeting on **June 5 after worship** to elect a PNC. Candidates from the Nominating Committee are: Suzy Gilkerson (chair), Roger Benedict, Carrie Fellingner, Aaron Orcutt, and Alexis Corbin.



The lesson for June in the Ruling Elders Workbook is "Transformational Leaders Practice and Promote Spiritual Disciplines." The word "discipline" comes from "disciple" which means "to learn." Since we are all called to be disciples, we are all life-long learners. However, if we are honest, many of us will admit that we fall short of disciplined, daily practice. We find it difficult to fit quality time with God into our busy schedules.

This lesson offers a reminder that the spiritual disciplines can be many different things. Each of us has our own learning style. Our ability to learn is directly related to how we learn. Some of us will meditate on works of art; others will do yoga meditation. Some will participate in a Bible study group; others will read the Bible privately. Some will join with a group in a mission project; others will take a hike alone to enjoy the creation. Some will listen to sacred music; others will keep a journal. Some will do walking prayers; others will sit still.

Spiritual disciplines are any practices that open us up to the transforming work of the Spirit and make us more like Christ. They are like an invitation that says to God: "I'm here. I'm listening. I'm learning. I'm reaching out. I'm completely open to you."

No matter which practices we choose, we do them to experience God's love more deeply. What spiritual practices have you tried? What seems to work best for you?

"The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower, share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's, smile at someone and receive a smile in return, are to me continual spiritual exercises."

—Leo Buscaglia



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WORSHIP

Sundays 10 am

Join us on FaceBook
livestream for worship
each Sunday.

FACEBOOK:
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2022 Scholarship Recipients

Every year since 1991, the First Presbyterian Church of Monticello has been able to offer scholarships which were given in memory of designated loved ones. Those remembered through scholarships devoted a large part of their lives to the community, to education and to the First Presbyterian Church of Monticello. The First Presbyterian Church of Monticello is proud to announce the recipients of its annual Scholarship Program. Congratulations to these 2022 Scholarship Recipients.

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Lillian Bruns, daughter of Tammy Bruns and James Bruns, is the recipient of the \$500 *Edward H. and Margaret E. Cox Memorial Scholarship*, the \$300 *Mary Louise Helgens Memorial Scholarship*, the \$300 *Phil and Ione Himebaugh Memorial Scholarship* and the \$300 *Mary L. Kleitsch Memorial Scholarship*. Lillian is a graduate of Cascade High School. She plans to attend Iowa State University to major in Kinesiology and Health on the pre-athletic training track. Once that goal has been met, she plans to obtain a Master's Degree in athletic training and becoming an athletic trainer at a local high school.

DeLainy Fellingner, Monticello, is the recipient of the \$300 *Mary L. Kleitsch Memorial Scholarship*. DeLainey will graduate in May 2023 from Kirkwood Community College where she is studying Ag Science. Upon graduation she plans to sell Umbarger Show Feeds, own a cow calf operation, and manage a couple of hog barns. Besides farming she plans to be involved in some organization which will teach the youth about where their food comes from and how to take care of livestock.

Caden Reinke, Cascade, is the recipient of the \$750 *Virginia and Clarence Hosford Memorial Scholarship*. Caden will be a junior at the University of Iowa where he is studying Chemical Engineering and Business. Upon graduation in May 2024 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, Caden aspires to become a chemical process engineer or at some point work with oil and gas engineering.

Madison Fellingner, Monticello, is the recipient of the \$1,000 *Dale L. Streif Memorial Scholarship*. Madison is attending Mount Mercy University and plans to graduate after her 2022 Fall Semester. Madison will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Early Childhood thereby obtaining her dream of becoming a teacher.

Marissa McNally, Monticello, is the recipient of the \$1,000 *Dale L. Streif Memorial Scholarship*. She is attending the University of Northern Iowa and plans to graduate after her 2022 Fall Semester. Marissa will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Economics and Management with an emphasis in Business Administration. Marissa aspires to work in the areas of Data Analytics or Strategic Management to help the organization operate at its efficient level.

Lindsey Ricklefs, Monticello, is the recipient of the \$1,000 *Dale L. Streif Memorial Scholarship*. Lindsey is attending Creighton University and will graduate in May 2023. At the completion of the nurse practitioner doctorate program, she would like to transition into this advance role in the neonatal unit and become a valued member of the neonatology team at St. Luke's Hospital.

Rease Saunders, Monticello, is the recipient of the \$1,000 *Dale L. Streif Memorial Scholarship*. He currently attends Kirkwood Community College and plans to graduate in May 2023 with a Liberal Arts Degree focusing on Computer Science. Upon completion of his Kirkwood program, Rease plans to then transfer to a four year college in order to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.

Robyn Takes, Cascade, is the recipient of the \$1,000 *Dale L. Streif Memorial Scholarship*. Robyn is attending the University of Northern Iowa. She plans to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Family Services and Social Work along with a Minor in Gerontology. Upon completion of her BA Degrees Robyn plans to continue her studies and achieve a Master's Degree in Social Work.

Pies... Pies... And MORE Pies!

Presbyterian Pie Service is putting all of the season's fruits to use in the kitchen! They are taking orders and there are pies in the freezer for sale.

Call **Pam (319-480-7700)** or **Kris (319-480-1538)** to place an order or to pick up.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Win a Week!

Camp Wyoming is running a fundraiser this summer from May 15th through August 31st. For \$25 you can purchase a square on a 50 square grid. If your square number is drawn on Sept 1st you win a free week of summer camp during the 2023 summer camp season.

If you win and are not a camp goer yourself, you have options:

1. Gift your free week to a family member
2. Gift your free week to another person who would like to attend camp
3. Gift your free week to your church so they can send someone to camp

If you are interested in supporting camp through this fundraiser, here are your two options:

1. Send a check to camp for the amount of squares you would like to buy, put "Fundraiser" on the memo line.
2. Go to the camp website and purchase the amount of squares you would like there.



Lillian Bruns would like to invite members of First Presbyterian Church to a celebration of her high school graduation! Congratulate and celebrate Lillian on Saturday, June 4th from 3 pm-7 pm at Cascade Community Presbyterian Church. Congratulations Lillian!





NOAH WESTFALL

Through our gifts, we help inspire young people to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the church and the world, and in so doing, bring hope to others.



PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

APRIL 18 - JUNE 5, 2022

Pentecost Special Offering

We will receive the Pentecost Offering on Sunday, June 5. This offering supports children at-risk, ministries with youth, and the Young Adult Volunteer program (a one-year service opportunity in the U.S. or around the world for those ages 19-30).

40% of this offering is retained by the congregation for local ministries with children and youth.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$16 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

We have included an envelope for this special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). You may bring your envelope to worship, drop it off at the church office, or mail it to us.

If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.



VBS Fishers of Men
When: August 2-4
6-7:30 pm

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

The family of
Elsie Chapman
Betty Lambert
Doug Mettler
Marge Stubbe MNRC

Lorraine Haag Pennington
Marj Lubben Pennington
Frank Smith Pennington
Barb Null Pinicon PI
Don Duncan Mt Vernon



June 19th



June 21st



Join us for worship Sunday, June 12 at 10 a.m. where Elder Kris Ward will preach. She is First Presbyterian Church's liaison from the Presbytery as we search for our next called pastor.

Kris Ward is a long time member of Newcomb Church in Davenport, and has served in multiple roles in the church ministry over the years including elder, deacon, youth & christian education leader, choir director, organist / pianist for worship, and worship leader. She has recently completed the CLP/CRE program through University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and enjoys providing pulpit supply to churches in East Iowa. Kris also serves on MCC and works with churches in transition and Pastor Nominating Committees in that role.

There's still time to sign up for synod school 2022.

JULY 24-29, 2022

Synod School offers week-long classes in personal and professional development and is open to everyone. Our 67th year brought 440 people from 22 states in 2021 — an amazing group in this COVID age. Ordinarily Synod School annually draws more than 600 people of all ages from 27 states.

For more information on Synod School 2022, stop in to the church office to view this year's program book, or visit: lakesandprairies.org



Each week during worship, we'd like to include a couple of church families on our Family Prayer list. For the month of June, please remember to include in your prayers each week our June families:

June 5: Pam Goettsch and Lori Gravel

June 12: Dennis Gray and Lorraine Haag

June 19: Lisa Hosford and Mike & Cheryl Howie

June 26: Jerry Jasa and Brooke & Joe Johnson, Allison, Zander, Asher & Ruby

Food Pantry

Current needs for those wishing to make a donation are:

- Toilet paper
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Canned beets
- Carrots
- Kidney beans
- Gift cards (\$25 increments) to our local grocers are always a tremendous help!

Monetary donations are tax deductible and are used to purchase items with reduced case pricing. These can be mailed to **Monticello Ministerial Assoc. PO Box 62**

Monticello, IA 52310

Memo: "Food Pantry"

Items can be dropped off during food pantry hours:

M, 5p-7p, F, 2p-4p

THANK YOU to all of our generous neighbors that make this service a possibility! ❤️👥

MAY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Discussed chapter 4 in the Ruling Elders Workbook: “Transformational Leaders Keep the Sabbath.”

Approved Continuing Education leave June 20-22 for the pastor’s virtual attendance at a conference hosted at Princeton Seminary.

Approved a vacation week for the pastor, July 14-20, including Sunday, July 17.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering in the amount of \$457.87 was sent to Presbytery.

Heard from the Nominating Committee that they have five candidates for the PNC: Suzy Gilkerson (chair), Aaron Orcutt, Carrie Fellingner, Alexis Corbin and Roger Benedict. Set June 5, after worship, for a special congregational meeting to elect them.

Learned from the Christian Ed Committee that Camp and Conference funds may be short this year. Moved to transfer the remaining money in the Montreat account to Camp and Conference, since both are church camps.

Decided not to share worship services with United Church in June and July this year because it would require us to move the service time to 10:30 a.m.

Welcomed Presbytery Liaison Kris Ward, from Davenport. Kris presented a document titled “Calling a Pastor,” which reviewed the responsibilities of the congregation, the session, the PNC, and the Presbytery. Session learned it needs to set a budget for the PNC and approve a Pastor’s job description.

Kris will be preaching here on June 12 and plans her first meeting with the PNC after worship.

Attendance

| | <u>Worship</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> |
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| May 1 | 30 | 1 |
| May 8 | 60 | 0 |
| May 15 | 29 | - |
| May 22 | 57 | - |

OFFERING & FINANCES

We appreciate your continued financial support. If you’d like to learn more about your contribution options, please contact Dan Saunders, treasurer or the church office.

April Contributions: **\$18,592.45** (April 2021 \$19,207.56)

April Expenditures: **\$10,484.24** (April 2021 \$3,782.63)