
NEWS AT FIRST



Ever Outward

Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, "I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world." Indeed, we all do. As newborns, we focus only on ourselves. But as we grow, little by little we learn that the people and things around us are separate from us. Soon we can attend to others' actions, needs and feelings. Like ripples from a stone dropped in water, our circles of care widen from family (biological or otherwise) to friends (playmates, classmates, colleagues), church family, community, country and finally even people across the globe.

The ministries of Jesus and his disciples also were widening circles: first "to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:6; 15:24, NIV) but soon to "all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Early church leaders took the gospel message ever outward, as Jesus had directed them: first to Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally even "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).

As our faith matures, our impact spreads outward too. Some people move geographically farther from home, while others use prayer, communication and technology to widen their reach of spiritual, emotional and financial support. How exciting that God's love encircles us all and that we can share it far and wide!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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PASTOR

We are currently working through the process of hiring a called pastor. If you have emergency pastoral needs, please contact the church office for assistance.

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WORSHIP

SUNDAYS 10 AM
w/ Facebook Live stream

8:30 a.m. Sunday school

RESUMES SEPT. 11
See you then!



From the PNC

(Pastor Nominating Committee)

August 2022 – The Ministry Information Form compiled by the Pastor Nominating Committee was posted on the Church Leadership Connection website. The CLC then matched our information with the resumes of pastors currently searching for a church and sent us a list of matches. The PNC has reviewed the resumes and is contacting the pastors on the list who seem like a good fit for First Presbyterian. The committee will then schedule Zoom interviews with those pastors who express an interest in learning more about our church and the position.



Sunday School Resumes

September is a month of new beginnings. The kids are back to school, college fall term begins, and so do a number of ecumenical education programs, youth ministries, and various bible studies. Join First Presbyterian Church with a fresh start as we resume our schedule starting **Sunday, September 11**. Join us for:

8:30 a.m. Sunday school
(3 years old through adult)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Worship



We are finalizing our plans for procuring a teacher and resuming confirmation classes this fall. A letter will go out to all of our confirmation students and families as soon as those plans are complete. All students in grades 8 and 9 are encouraged to attend confirmation classes to become an adult member of the church. If you haven't already been a part of confirmation or notified the office of your plans to attend, please contact us so we can include you or your student!

If you would like to request a pastoral visit due to being homebound, or recovering from an ailment at home, in the hospital or a rehabilitation facility (and you are able to have visitors according to facility policy), please contact the church office to arrange a visit. Oftentimes the pastor is not aware that a visit is desired until after the opportunity has passed. Call the church office at **319-465-3393** to request your pastoral care visit.

Pastoral Care



THANKS FOR ★ ATTENDING ★ VBS





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

September 4: Rich & Joan McKim and Bill & Penny McLaughlin.

September 11: Mike, Kim & Marissa McNally and Sherri Neofotist.

September 18: Barb Null and Aaron, Traysa, Jayden & Landon Orcutt.

September 25: Becky Orcutt and Jeff, Teresa & Meredith Parker.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry continues to serve the community on Mondays, 5 pm - 7 pm, and Fridays, 2 pm - 4 pm. Donations are taken at this time as well. If you have any extra produce from your late summer/early fall gardens, we would love to share your donation with a family in need. ***Please leave your fresh produce donations DURING PANTRY HOURS.*** Produce is being left outside of hours and produce is going bad in the heat and we're unable to share with our clients.



Monetary donations are always helpful in allowing us to make purchases at case pricing.

Other needs include:

- Oatmeal
- Cold cereals
- Hamburger Helpers
- Shampoo

Presbyterian Pie Service

The Presbyterian Pie Service continues to do their work to provide pies to the people of the community.



Call today to place your order for a fresh, oven-ready or thaw-and-serve pie.

To place your order or check freezer stock, call:

Pam (319) 480-7700 or

Kris (319) 480-1538.

Betty Lambert

Doug Mettler

Marj Stubbe MNRC

Don Duncan Mt Vernon



Lorraine Haag Pennington

Frank Smith Pennington

Barb Null Pinicon Pl



September 5, 2022

Grandparents' Day

September 11, 2022



First Day of Autumn

September 22, 2022



August 10, 2022

Five session members interviewed a pastor interested in part time interim position with us. Motion to approve Oct 2022 - Sept 2023 contract, unless called pastor is found during that time.

VBS, Fisher of Men theme, was held for one night only, off-sight. We had 9 kids. Sept 18th will be camp Sunday so all 8 kids that went will be encouraged to attend worship to share their experience. Sunday School will start Sept 11th.

Worship Committee: Lillian moving in a week to ISU. Taylor helping as she can, Carter is going to start training in balcony on Sunday. New cloth napkins & doilies to put on stands under flowers.

Pie ladies will not be making cream pies anymore unless you have been ordering them regularly for years. Are considering raising price with cost of eggs. Trying to hold off but may have to happen.



July 31	44
August 7	26
August 14	29
August 21	20

July Contributions 2022 **\$15,548.51**

(July 2021) (\$17,032.89)

July Expenses 2022 **\$11,240.51**

(July 2021) (\$3,105.03)

