

# THE GOOD NEWS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## The Purpose Statement for the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown

**G** Growing in Christ through *worship*.  
**R** Reaching out in *fellowship*.  
**A** Affirming faith through *discipleship*.  
**C** Caring for the lost through *evangelism*.  
**E** Embracing others in mission and *ministry*.

## April Memory Verse

*“He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and the mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.”*

*Psalm 40:2*

## Session and Deacon Members

Do you have concerns about the church that you would like to talk to someone about? See one of our **Elders** currently serving on Session. They are as follows:

**Doug Bacon:** CE Committee Co-Chairperson

**Abra Banissan**

**Gail Boliver**

**Matt Broshar:** Mission Committee Chairman & Church Bookkeeper

**Doug Butler:** A & P Committee Chairman & Clerk of Session

**Don Feld**

**Mike Gerbo:** W & M Committee Chairman

**Lucas Johnson**

**Pat Kremer**

**Julie Lynch:** M & I Committee Co-Chairperson

**Darrell Meyer:** M & I Committee Co-Chairman & Nominations Chairman

**Ed Peng**

**Richie Ritter:** Property Committee Co-Chairman

**Larry Schrum:** Finance/Stewardship Chairman

**Heather Rottink**

**Kyle Young:** CE Committee Co-Chairman

If you would like to serve on any of the committees listed, or if you would like more information about how that committee serves, please contact one of the co-chairpersons of the committee you are interested in.

If you have a loved one or know someone who would enjoy a visit from our **Deacons** or need a ride to church on Sunday, please contact a Deacon:

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Joyce Anderegg</b>           | <b>Roger &amp; Donita Anders</b> |
| <b>Greg &amp; Suzanne Brown</b> | <b>Sue Bryant</b>                |
| <b>Margaret Fehrle</b>          | <b>Bonnie Grimmus</b>            |
| <b>Jackie Hughes</b>            | <b>Linda Kauffman</b>            |
| <b>Susan Lawyer</b>             | <b>Harlan &amp; Marcia Quick</b> |
| <b>Jerry &amp; Lyn Rakowicz</b> | <b>Barb Vovos</b>                |

## Our True Power Source

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn't understand why the system wouldn't turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to "power" our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom.

Jesus doesn't teach us to find life within ourselves — or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling Himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, "I have come that [My sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

We don't access that abundant life by "plugging into" ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into His power — and joy, peace, hope, truth — through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God's world.

## Attention 2018 High School & College Graduates



First Presbyterian Church would like to celebrate our graduate's achievements during the worship service on **Sunday, May 20**.

If you have a graduate in your family in 2018, please turn in a picture (high school or higher education). Please phone the church at 753-5929 or fill out the information below and bring it along with a **billfold sized** picture to the church office **by Sunday, May 13**. Include the name of the student on the back of the photo so it can be returned to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Jon Rottink at [jrottink@hotmail.com](mailto:jrottink@hotmail.com) or at 753-5929 or Barb McBride @ 641-751-5779.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate/Degree (post high school):  
\_\_\_\_\_



**The Hymn Sings** will resume Sunday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Refreshments will follow the program.

## Financial Report for FEB.

| February 2018         | Actual               |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>\$29,775.00</b>   |
| Budget                | 31,407.00            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$31,440.00</b>   |
| Budget                | 32,228.00            |
| <b>Year to Date:</b>  |                      |
| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>\$67,077.00</b>   |
| Budget                | 74,714.00            |
| Difference            | (7,637.00)           |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>(\$85,265.00)</b> |
| Budget                | (87,291.00)          |
| Difference            | 2,026.00             |

**Church Women United** will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 6, for a forum meeting at First United Methodist Church.

## PWC News



**Elizabeth Circle** will meet Thursday, 12, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lower Lounge.

**Sarah Circle** will meet Tuesday, April 17, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Lounge. Mary Hemming and Karen Schoell will act as hostesses. The program will be announced.

## Marshalltown Christian School Fundraiser

**\*\* Save the Date -- Saturday, May 5, 2018 \*\***

The Marshalltown Christian School will hold a fundraiser.

A dinner and mini-musical, "The Return," will be presented by Marshalltown Christian School.

The mini-musical is directed by Deborah Nuss.

## Iowa River Hospice Class

Once again, Iowa River Hospice will be offering **Grow Thru Grief**, a five-week class led by a licensed social worker. The 2018 spring session will meet **April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3**. The group meets from **5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** in the lower level conference room of the Iowa River Hospice Home which is located at **502 Plaza Heights Road, Marshalltown**.

This group offers emotional support as well as education on the grief process. We will discuss normal reactions to grief, the significance of grief, and ways of coping. No one experiences the journey of grief the same, but all share common concerns. Having support of others going through loss can bring strength and comfort. Past enrollees state the group made them feel less alone.

There is no charge, and all are welcome to attend. If you plan to attend, please call Iowa River Hospice at **(641)753-7704** to register in advance.

## Wednesday Club

In addition to learning how much Jesus loves us through the Easter story, Wednesday Club kids are



learning about Ruth and Naomi, and Joseph and his brothers. In April, we will also be practicing for our parent program. Our

last Wednesday Club will be April 25, and we will share what we've learned this spring with our parents and share a meal afterwards.

People to provide and serve snack are still needed.



Thank you to **Wynona Anderson, Abra Banissan, Matt Broshar, Jackie**

**Hughes, Garry Rottink, Nancy Van Wyk, Cindy Wise, and Phyllis Wubben;** youth helpers **Winner Banissan, Arion Hancock, Saxon Hancock, Caroline Kauffman, Drew King, Haley Reed, James Reed, and Andrea Torres. Mary Hemming, Irene Hopp, and Jackie Hughes** provided snack. Matt was our bus driver, and Cindy and Nancy were bus riders. **Kari Hancock** picked up our youth helpers from Miller.

Thank you to **Garry and Jon Rottink** for disposing of the old, broken pool table and for assembling our new ping-pong table.

---Michelle Wilkinson, CE Coordinator

## Sunday School

Last month, Sunday school wrapped up their lessons on the Lord's Prayer and the Lord's Supper. They are now learning about the resurrection and the women at the tomb who were the first to find out Christ had risen. Preschoolers are learning about God's creation. On Easter Sunday there will be one multi-age class for preschool – 8th grade students.

Thank you to **Karen Bacon** for teaching preschool when Kari Hancock was away, and also

to our preschool helpers **Matt Broshar and Barb McBride.**

## 2018 VBS



At press time, VBS is only 12 weeks away! Participants will be castaways who have been *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. We have many opportunities for you to get involved with the children, in the

kitchen, at Grimes Farm, on the prayer team, and donating or lending supplies. Be looking for more information on how you can take part. We will be asking to borrow life jackets, a kayak or inflatable life raft, life rings, trunks or hard-sided suitcases, and rope/cargo nets. The board with other items to lend or donate will go up at the end of April.

## Awesome Presbys

We have a special group of young people at First Presbyterian Church. The Awesome Presbys are a busy group who likes to serve others, learn about God, and have fun together. It is open to all kids in grades 5 – 8. This month, they had Bible study, served at the House of Compassion, were buddies to the younger children at the Easter Eggstravaganza. They went to see *I Can Only Imagine*, the movie that tells the story behind the MercyMe song. Several of them continue to help with Wednesday Club, too. They will serve at the House of Compassion on April 19.

---Michelle Wilkinson, CE Coordinator

## Summer Camp



Camp registration is now open!

Why go to camp? Last month Eva and Thomas shared their reasons. Now Elli and Winner share their ideas. Elli says, "There are lots of growing experiences – to grow in faith. There is so much to see and do." And Winner wants his church friends to "come to camp so they can learn about Jesus and God and have fun at the same time."

With testimonials like these, who wouldn't want their children to attend camp?

Information on 2018 camp offerings for children and families is available on the church website [www.fpcmarshalltown.org](http://www.fpcmarshalltown.org) or on the Lakeshore Center at Okoboji website.

<http://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/SummerCamps/Overview.aspx>

There is information and a brochure on Michelle's door, as well. We want children to have this faith-building experience, so camperships are available to all. See Michelle for more information and a brochure. Camp scholarship forms are available on Michelle's door.

Sunday, April 22, is Camp Sunday. Harry Gabe, Associate Director of Lakeshore Center at Okoboji, will share about camp with us all. Following Sunday school, there will be a pulled pork dinner to raise money for camp scholarships.

---Michelle Wilkinson, CE Coordinator

## God Sightings



The days are getting longer, and spring weather is here. Here are some God sightings from 2017 to help get you through to summer.

Rain  
Friends come to VBS and camp!  
Pet a wolf  
Wi-Fi password  
Talk to cousins in Florida  
Caroline and Reed back together 😊  
Bringing food  
Being here  
Serving  
Helping little sister  
Brought things for House of Compassion  
Help others  
Can come to VBS  
Peace  
VBS & all of us here

## Luke's Ministry Lasik Surgery

Lasik surgery commonly referred to as laser eye surgery or laser vision correction is a type of refractive surgery for the correction of myopia,

hyperopia and astigmatism. The surgery is performed by an ophthalmologist who uses a laser to reshape the eye's cornea in order to improve visual acuity. For most people, it provides a permanent alternative to eye glasses or contact lenses. Millions of Lasik surgeries have been performed in the United States, and many world-wide.

Surveys of Lasik patients indicate the satisfaction rate between 92 to 98%. Some patients with poor outcomes report a significantly reduced quality of life because of visual problems. Some have to have the surgery repeated or have to return to wearing contact lenses or glasses, but for most people, it is successful, and they are very happy to see well without glasses or contacts.

## We Have Heard

In 1938, Scottish minister George MacLeod began the Iona Community to connect more working people with the church. Members, now spread worldwide, strive for peace and justice.

This prayer from the Iona Community offers praise to each member of the Trinity:

"We have heard about You, God of all power. You made the world out of kindness, creating order out of confusion ... We have heard about You, Jesus Christ ... the poor man who made others rich; the healer who let Himself be wounded ... the Savior who died and rose again ... We have heard about You, Holy Spirit. You broke the bonds of every race and nation, to let God speak in every tongue ... You showed how love made all things new."



Thank you for your recent donation of \$21 and 48 food items to the **Emergency Food Box**. Your kindness make it possible for us to help meet the emergency food needs of people in Marshall County who are referred to us.

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB (109 S. 3rd St.) any weekday afternoon, 1:30-4:30. Please make checks payable to: *Emergency Food Box*. Our mailing address is: *EFB, P.O. Box 391, Marshalltown, IA 50158*. Donated funds are used to buy food items from the Food Bank of Iowa and locally.

The Emergency Food Box is currently in need of the following food items to help stock our shelves: **canned vegetables, canned fruits,**

**canned soups, peanut butter, pasta sauce, boxed dinners.** (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the food items are not outdated.) **Another request we have is for cloth grocery bags, for those clients who are without transportation.**

We are always looking for Food Box volunteers. We have many different types of opportunities that are available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Contact Edith Podhajsky, 752-5342.



Thank you for the sympathy cards you sent me at the time of my brother, Edwards, leaving to be with his Lord. He was the youngest in the family, so we always referred to him as our baby brother, even though he was 6' 3". We will certainly miss him.

---Mavis Gray



our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of March: **Awesome Presbys, Shirley Egli, Mike Gerbo, Ed Jackson, Darrell Meyer, Natalia Peng, Richie Ritter, Carolyn Wilkinson, Lee & Michelle Wilkinson and Barb Wollam.**

...The **faithful productive PW quilters** who this year, completed 7 bunk-sized quilts for Jonathan's House and 23 crib sized quilts for Second Chance on Third and Orphan Grain Train.

## Sweetheart Banquet Recipe

### Quinoa Pilaf with Shiitakes, Edamame and Ginger

Serves 6

- 1 ½ c prewashed white quinoa
- 2 T expeller-pressed canola oil
- 4 scallions, white parts minced, green parts sliced thin on bias
- 4 oz. shiitake mushrooms, stemmed and sliced thin
- 2 tsp. grated fresh ginger
- Salt and pepper
- 1 ¾ c water
- ½ c frozen shelled edamame beans, thawed and patted dry
- 4 tsp. rice vinegar
- 1 T mirin

Toast quinoa in medium saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, until quinoa is very fragrant and makes continuous popping sound, 5 – 7 minutes. Transfer quinoa to bowl.

Return now-empty saucepan to medium-low heat, add oil and heat until shimmering. Add scallion whites, mushrooms, ginger and ¾ tsp. salt and cook, stirring frequently, until softened, 5 – 7 minutes.

Increase heat to medium-high, stir in water and toasted quinoa, and bring to simmer. Cover, reduce heat to low, and simmer until grains are just tender and liquid is absorbed, 18-20 minutes, stirring once halfway through cooking.

Remove pot from heat and stir in edamame beans. Lay clean folded dish towel underneath lid and let sit, covered, for 10 minutes. Fluff quinoa with fork, stir in scallion greens, vinegar, and mirin and season with salt and pepper to taste.

**Note:** If you buy unwashed quinoa (or if you are unsure whether it's washed), be sure to rinse it before cooking to remove its bitter protective coating called saponin.



Thanks to Pastor Ian McMullen for his ministry of visitation with us - He passed the baton to me on January 1, and I'm enjoying my role very much.

I make weekly visits to our people in nursing home care (Grandview, Accura, Southridge). In situations of Alzheimers or Dementia, those visits are often short – with a brief familiar Scripture and a prayer. In other cases, the visits are longer with interaction about life and health and kids and grandkids and local church news!

The next “tier” of visits includes a number of our people in various retirement situations (Bickford, Glenwood, Embers, Village Coop). I try to get to those persons at least monthly. Then there are retired folk still in their own homes – but perhaps their activity has slowed down a bit. These visits are relaxed and can easily extend to an hour or two of chit chat with a finale of Scripture and prayer together (And we usually manage to solve most of the world's problems!).

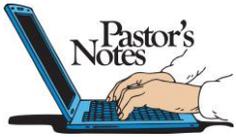
Of course, I try to be sensitive to those, regardless of age or their living situation who have some health issues – coordinating with Pastor Rich for hospital visits as well.

Now in the OLDEN DAYS, the pastor would visit EVERY MEMBER once a year! That meant that parents would get the whole family together on the appointed date and the “parson” would show

up with a Bible lesson and spend the whole evening in that home (with kids squirming!). I'll wait and try that next year (??).

Please call me if and when you know someone who would appreciate a parson stopping by! My phone number is (641-751-1924) and is on 24/7.

*Pastor Tom Bower*



In light of the resurrection of Jesus, how are we to live as followers of Christ? This new life in Christ should make a

difference in how we relate to God and with each other. The fellowship of the followers of Christ should be dramatically different from what happens outside of the church. We are called to a new way of living in Christ. As we move forward from Easter this will be the focus of our worship time.

Scripture has twenty-four reciprocal commands that tell us how we are to live with each other. They focus on our relationships with each other, describe what we are not to do, show us how to build each other up and how to serve each other. Loving one another, bearing each other's burdens and not judging each other are just a few of these reciprocal commands. These commands are things that we need to put into practice as followers of Christ. If we do so, it will change the way we live and demonstrate to the world the difference that Christ's resurrection has made in our lives.

*Pastor Rich*

## MARCH SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

**Mission Fund:** Jim Perkins reported on the non-profit, Incorporated Mission Fund that we started in 2015. The account started out with a \$40,000 loan given to us from the Bryon Lesch Memorial Mission Fund, Inc. that we invested and can use the yearly disbursed dividends each year for mission projects for this church. There are five church members on the Board of Directors. A check for \$11,681.38 will be mailed to the church soon to be used for mission projects.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the Session meeting at 7:05 p.m., and Julie Lynch presented the devotions and opening prayer.

**Motion prevailed** to approve the amended February 20, 2018 minutes noting that Wed. Club runs from Feb. 21 – April 25. not April 15.

Pastors and staff reports were presented.

**Finances:** Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investments reports. Giving in February was good, but a little below the amount needed to operate the church. Spending was not out of line this month. A stock gift was given to the church Building Fund.

**Mission/Evangelism:** Matt Broshar reported the committee got an update on Jonathan's House, the WellSpring water ministry, MRCL Makers and David Githii's ministry. The 2018 Local Option Benevolence distribution amounts were discussed. The committee will start doing the monthly "Minute for Mission" at the beginning of the church service.

**Worship & Music: Communion**—155 on February 4, and 153 on March 4. The Maundy Thursday potluck and worship service were discussed. The Easter Lilies will be delivered at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 31. The One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes are in the pews. A different brand of candle lighter wicks has been ordered and installed in the lighters, and the lighters were cleaned. Mike gave a report on the Fellowship Conference he attended in Atlanta and noted it was a good experience. He encouraged other Session members to attend next year.

**Christian Education:** Kyle Young reported that a pulled pork fundraiser for camperships will be held on Camp Sunday, April 22, at 11:30 a.m. The "Ignite Youth Leadership" conference and the "Iron Sharpens Iron" events were discussed. Plans for the Easter EGGstravaganza were discussed. A new ping-pong table has been set-up in the Gathering Place. Sunday school may not be held in July but use that time for extended fellowship time. Wednesday Club is doing well.

**A & P:** Rich King reported noting that Session members need to prepare for the Session Retreat on Sat., March 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each is to write about and share highlights of their spiritual journey. The Mission Study Committee will go over their findings, and the group will determine the direction the church will take from this point on.

**Membership & Involvement:** Darrell Meyer reported that a job description was created for a paid helper in the nursery, and the committee will work with the Administration & Personnel Committee in the hiring process. An interest & talent survey for people to fill out will be included in the bulletins on Sunday, March 25 and April 1. Some up-coming events for the church were discussed. No new members class date has been

scheduled as yet. A discussion was held on reaching out to the visitors at church.

**Property:** Julie Lynch reported on the up-dates in the Fellowship Hall the committee wants to do. They want to put in new or repair windows, put new carpet in part or all of Fellowship Hall and install a floor electrical outlet for the projector, up-date the sinks and put new counter tops on in the kitchen and paint Fellowship Hall. Money for the project can come from the Building Fund or the Capital Improvement Fund. The committee will come up with some options of what they want to do and bring to the congregation. Richie Ritter and Kurt Lynch will be co-chairs of the Property Committee this year. Richie asked for people to let him know when they see something that needs to be done or repaired at the church.

**Other Business:** A proposal from the Hebron Church to use the Gathering Place for worship on Sunday mornings was given to the Property Committee to discuss and determine what the rent would be to use this space or if this church would be able to use the space. This group will need the space starting on Sunday, May 6.

North Central Presbytery will offer an "Active Threat Training" at Ackley on Monday, May 14, from 3 – 5 p.m. Session members and staff are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was closed with small group prayer.

**Newsletter deadline with, MAY 2018 information is due Friday, APRIL 20, 2018 for anyone wanting to submit an article.**

*Members in mission making a difference.*

*GOOD NEWS* from First Presbyterian Church is published monthly. Deadline for the following issue is published in the calendar. Comments and contributions are welcome.

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**Reminder:**

April 1—EASTER

April 12—Holocaust Remembrance Day

**April 17—SESSION**

April 22—Earth Day

April 25—Administrative Professionals Day

April 29—Confirmation Sunday

E A S T E R  
Sunday



## April 2018 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

| Sun                | Mon   | Tue                                      | Wed  | Thu                                     | Fri  | Sat                     |
|--------------------|---|--|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| 1                  | 2   | 3  | 4<br>Ann Bresler<br>Christey, Doug<br>& Patrick<br>Sharpshair<br>Thomas<br>Wilkinson | 5<br>Michele Hala<br>Becky<br>Hatcher   | 6<br>Janell Dommer<br>Amy Drummer<br>Bethany Wirin | 7                       |
| 8<br>Kelli Grabau  | 9   | 10<br>Emily<br>Bradbury-<br>Redhage      | 11   | 12                                      | 13   | 14<br>Aaron<br>Anderson |
| 15<br>Kari Hancock | 16<br>Barry Bryant<br>Robin Curler<br>Carter Strand | 17<br>Ellen<br>Podhajsky                 | 18<br>Shelby<br>Bovenmyer  | 19<br>Brenda<br>Severson<br>Julie Lynch | 20   | 21<br>Judy Erion        |
| 22                 | 23<br>Lee Duff                                      | 24<br>Ken<br>Brandenburg<br>Ryan Grimmus | 25<br>Lynne<br>Bovenmyer<br>Drew King<br>Natalia Peng                                | 26<br>Doug Bacon<br>Alaina<br>Severson  | 27   | 28                      |
| 29                 | 30  |  |  |   |  |                         |

|  | April 1  | April 8  | April 15   | April 22                    | April 29  |
|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>Worship Leader...</b>                                       | 9:00 ... Bill Eilers   | Darrell Meyer  | Steve Strand   | Carol Permar                | Pat Kremer<br>Garry & Terri<br>Rottink  |
| <b>Greeters 9:00.....</b>                                      | _____  | _____  | _____  | _____                       | _____   |
| <b>Fellowship Hosts..</b>                                      | _____  | _____  | Roger & Donita Anders  | _____                       | _____   |
| <b>Cup Washers.....</b>  | Harlan & Marcia Quick  | Lee Wilkinson  | Roger & Donita Anders  | Darrell Meyer               | Natalia Peng  |
| <b>Nursery.....</b>  | Natalia Peng &   | _____ &  | _____ &  | _____ &                     | _____ &   |
| <b>Deacons.....</b>  | Greg & Suzanne Brown   | Jackie Hughes &<br>Susan Lawyer  | Joyce Anderegg &<br>Barb Vovos   | Harlan & Marcia<br>Quick    | G. & S. Brown   |
| <b>Donuts .....</b>  | Ed & Natalia Peng  | _____  | _____  | _____                       | _____   |
| <b>Flowers .....</b>   | <b>Easter Lilies</b>   | Matt & Diane Broshar   | Doug & Gail Reese  | _____                       | _____   |
| <b>Ushers .....</b>  | FIRST SUNDAY   | SECOND SUNDAY  | THIRD SUNDAY   | FOURTH SUNDAY               | FIFTH SUNDAY  |
| <b>Team Captain</b>  | <b>Terry Buzbee</b><br>Hank Bradbury<br>Ed Jackson<br>Harlan Quick<br>Larry Schrum<br>Don Turbiville | <b>Brenda Severson</b><br>Donita Anders<br>Roger Anders<br>Stan & Nancy VanWyk<br>Barb Vovos | <b>Roger &amp; Karen Schoell</b><br>Pat & Mary Hemming<br>Ron & Linda Kauffman | <b>Jon Rottink</b><br>Youth | <b>Dick &amp; Barb McBride</b><br>Doug & Karen Bacon<br>Doris & Orlyn Langenbau<br>Steve Strand<br>Jerry Rakowicz |
| <b>Usher Alternates in alphabetical (9:00 a.m. – All Year)</b> | Bonnie Bradbury  | Dennis Ostrem  | Marcia Quick   | Yasuyo Smith                |   |
|  | Craig Henze  | Tracy Ostrem   | Jerry Schaudt  | Barb Vovos                  |   |
|  | Pat Kremer   | LaVern Paul  | Brenda Severson  | Dale Wedgwood               |   |
|  | Doris Langenbau  | Harlan Quick   | Don Smith  |                             |   |
|  | Doug Butler  |  |  |                             |   |
|  | Jim Grimmus  |  |  |                             |   |

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**APRIL 2018**

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
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| <b>1 EASTER</b><br><b>7:30a Sunrise Service</b><br><b>7:45a Easter Breakfast</b><br><b>9:00 a.m. Easter</b><br>Worship w/Communion<br>10:00a Gathering/<br>Fellowship Time<br>10:15 a.m. SS – All ages | <b>2</b><br><br>6:30 p.m. W & M<br>7:30 p.m. CE<br>7:30 p.m. Property | <b>3</b><br><br>9:00a.m. Staff Meeting<br><br>6:30 p.m. M & I   | <b>4</b><br>2:30p Wed. Club - GP<br>6:15p Confirmation<br>6:30 p.m. Youth 101<br>6:30 p.m. Bells<br>7:30 p.m. Choir<br>8:30 p.m. Praise Team      | <b>5</b><br><br>8:30 am Flapjacks<br>12:00p Oasis<br>12:00p Pastor's Prayer Group  | <b>6</b><br><br><b>9:30 a.m. Church Women United – 1<sup>st</sup> Un. Methodist Church</b> | <b>7</b><br>9a – 12p<br>Marshalltown Christian School Musical Practice – Sanctuary<br><br><b>9a – 3p Session Retreat - LL</b> |
| <b>8</b><br>9 a Worship/Choir<br>10:00a Gathering/<br>Fellowship Time<br>10:15 a.m. SS – All ages<br>2:00p Awesome Presbys   | <b>9</b><br><br>5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting - GP                     | <b>10</b><br><br>5:00 p.m. A & P  | <b>11</b><br>2:30p Wed. Club - GP<br>6:15p Confirmation<br>6:30 p.m. Youth 101<br>6:30 p.m. Bells<br>7:30 p.m. Choir<br>8:30 p.m. Praise Team     | <b>12</b><br>8:30 am Flapjacks<br>12:00p.m. Oasis<br>12:00p Pastor's Prayer Group<br>1:30 p.m. Elizabeth Circle – Lower Lounge | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b><br><br><b>10:30a Emily Severson-Bowles Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall</b>   |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00 a.m. Worship/ Bells<br>10:00a Gathering/<br>Fellowship Time<br>10:15 a.m. SS - All ages<br><br><b>5:00 p.m. Hymn Sing</b>  | <b>16</b><br><br>5:00p Finance & Stewardship                          | <b>17</b><br>9:00a Staff Meeting<br>9:15 a.m. Sarah Cr. in LL<br><b>6:30 p.m. Confirmands meet with Session</b> | <b>18</b><br>2:30p Wednesday Club<br>6:15p Confirmation<br>6:30 p.m. Youth 101<br>6:30 p.m. Bells<br>7:30 p.m. Choir<br>8:30 p.m. Praise Team     | <b>19</b><br>8:30 am Flapjacks<br><br>12:00p Oasis<br>12p Pastor's Prayer Grp.<br>HOC Volunteers<br>6:30p Bluegrass Jam - GP   | <b>20</b><br><b>Newsletter Articles are Due</b>  | <b>21</b>   |
| <b>22 Camp Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m. Worship/Choir<br>10:05a Gathering/<br>Fellowship Time<br>10:15 a.m. SS – All ages<br><b>11:30 a.m. Pulled Pork Meal for Camperships</b>                             | <b>23</b><br><br>5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting - GP                    | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>2:30p Wed. Club/BBQ - GP<br>6:15p Confirmation<br>6:30 p.m. Youth 101<br>6:30 p.m. Bells<br>7:30 p.m. Choir<br>8:30 p.m. Praise Team | <b>26</b><br><br>8:30 am Flapjacks<br>12:00p Oasis<br>12p Pastor's Prayer Grp.   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b><br>9a – 12p<br>Marshalltown Christian School Musical Practice - Sanctuary   |
| <b>29 Confirmation Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m. Worship<br>10:05a Gathering/<br>Fellowship Time<br>10:15 a.m. Sunday School – All ages  | <b>30</b><br><br>11:30 a.m. Sr. Pastor's Cohort @ Ackley              |   |   |  |  |   |