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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*.

June Memory Verse

*“Clap your hands, all you nations;
 shout to God with cries of joy.”*

Psalm 47:1

First Presbyterian Reaches out to Help Struggling Congregation.

Session has reached out to help a little struggling congregation here in town. The Hebron Temple is a small Christian church that began in the old Olive Branch church on Olive Street. Pastor Larry Floyd has been a participant in our weekly pastor’s prayer time, joined the pastor’s in our joint services here in town and joined us here at First Presbyterian Church for our Ash Wednesday service of Prayer and Healing.

His little church could no longer afford the rent they were paying and were looking for a temporary location and we have offered them the use of the North room of the Gathering Place on Sunday mornings. We currently are not using that space on Sundays and felt it was a way to reach out and help our Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

They will begin to meet here in June and pay for their utilities, help clean and do their own set up and tear down. This opportunity helps us use our space to further Christ’s church here in Marshalltown.

---Pastor Rich

Adult Sunday School

Our first Sunday of **Adult Sunday school classes** during the summer (June, July and August), will be dedicated to our church’s **Mission Study Committee** goal teams. We will make this time available for all congregation members to participate in one of the committees working on the short and possibly, long term goals that the April 7, 2018 Session/MSC retreat produced. Even if you have not formally signed up to participate in one of the areas, you can use this Adult Sunday school time to participate, add some input and have the opportunity to get involved in some of the actions we will need to undertake to move our church forward, based on your input and God’s calling. Tables will be allocated to each goal, with the appropriate leadership in attendance to guide the discussion and fellowship, with our usual coffee and donuts provided. As a reminder, the short-term goals are: **Communication, PCUSA/Fellowship, Family Ministry, Youth Involvement and the long-term goals are Growth Planning, Youth & Family (Likely combined with Family Ministry in short term goals), Outreach and the Greater Parish.**

---A&P Committee

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class

Nolan Bartlett, son of Eric & Tressa Voss and grandson of Dennis & Bonnie Bartlett of Marshalltown.

Owen Bovenmyer, son of Brian & Lynne Bovenmyer of Garwin, Iowa and grandson of Diane Josten.

Abby Hala, daughter of Pat & Traci Hala of Marshalltown and granddaughter of Michele Hala and Bert Tice.

Derek Peng, son of Edward & Natalia Peng of Marshalltown, Iowa.

Haley Jo Reed, daughter of Tony & Sara Reed of Marshalltown, Iowa.

& Kevin Strand, son of Carter & Francis Strand of Marshalltown, Iowa and grandson of Steve and Doris Strand.



There will be **no** Hymn Sing programs in June, July or August.

2018 High School Graduates



Marta Bao, is the exchange student and daughter of Rev. Dr. Richard & Valerie King of Marshalltown. Marta graduated from MHS and plans to continue her studies in Spain.

Vanessa Drummer, daughter of Jeff & Amy Drummer of Conrad, Iowa. Vanessa graduated from BCLUW High School and plans to attend DMACC.



Caroline Kauffman, daughter of Ron & Linda Kauffman of Marshalltown. Caroline graduated from MHS and plans to get employment in the Marshalltown area.

Lauren Mosher, daughter of Jim & Brenda Mosher of Conrad. Lauren graduated from BCLUW High School and plans to attend Iowa State University in Ames.



Jill Podhajsky, is the daughter of Paul & Karin Podhajsky of Marshalltown. Jill graduated from MHS and plans to attend Central College in Pella.

Financial Report for April

APRIL 2018	Actual
Total Receipts	\$36,241.00
Budget	40,115.00
Total Expenses	\$30,746.00
Budget	32,928.00
Year to Date:	
Total Receipts	\$137,994.00
Budget	146,636.00
Difference	(8,642.00)
Total Expenses	(\$147,288.00)
Budget	(150,580.00)
Difference	(3,292).00

Church Women United will meet at 9:30 a.m. Friday, June 1, for a forum meeting at United Church of Christ. Seth Englewood will be speaking on Pilgrim Heights.

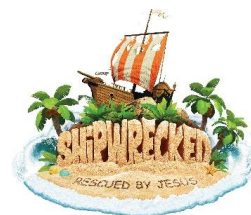
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Elizabeth Circle will not meet in June, July or August.

Sarah Circle will not meet in June, July or August.

2018 VBS



✓ Now is the time to register for your VBS adventure at *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!* Children and adults can register online at

<http://fpcmarshalltown.org>

or fill out a form after church on Sundays. VBS begins Sunday, June 24, with dinner at 5:00. The program begins at 5:45 and ends at 8:15.

Don't miss VBS at **Grimes Farm on Thursday, June 28**. Pastor Rich will grill for our all-church

potluck beginning at 5:00. The nature center will be open, and you are welcome to join the kids on a nature walk, share your nature stories, and enjoy fellowship time in God's creation.

Bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share. Table service will be provided.

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of this whole-church effort – the BEST WEEK of the year.

VBS is a few weeks away! Mark your calendar for June 24 – 28.

There are still many opportunities to help with VBS. We need help in the kitchen with preparing and serving meals, and also with clean-up. We need youth (grade 5th-12th) helpers and substitutes. You do not need to commit to the whole week. If you would like to help with VBS in any way, please contact the church office.



Have you ever wondered about the message in a bottle? We have a VBS message in a bottle donation board set up in the Narthex. You can select items you wish to loan or donate to our program.



Here are a few items we will be looking for: **a kayak or canoe, life rings, oars, life jackets, trunks or hard-sided luggage, cargo nets, fishing nets, rope, red glow sticks, straw beach mat, plastic wading pools, and bubble machine.**

We also need help to purchase music CDs for each family and t-shirts for our volunteers. See Michelle if you have any questions.

Awesome Presbys

Awesome Presbys met with parents on May 6, to plan their summer activities. They will serve at the House of Compassion on June 21. The Gathering Place will be open June 13, July 17, and July 27 from 1-3. A fun day is being planned for August.

---Michelle Wilkinson, CE Coordinator

Sunday School

Needed: good people to find a friend and lead Sunday school in the summer. The theme will be "The Miracles of Jesus." This multi-age class will be taught by non-Sunday school teacher volunteers

each week in June and August, so our awesome teachers can have a break and recharge over the summer. Lessons and materials are prepared for you. There is a sign-up sheet on the clipboard and on Michelle's door.

In May, Sunday school students learned about Paul's conversion and how God can change anyone's heart. Regular Sunday school will end May 20, and on the 27, the Sunday school kids will visit our friends at Accura Care Center. Summer Sunday school will begin June 3.

SS Teachers & Wednesday Club Volunteers Recognized

The Christian Education committee recognized the Sunday school teachers and regular Wednesday Club volunteers on Sunday, May 20, for their commitment to sharing our faith with the children and youth of the congregation and community. Please join them in thanking the following people:

Sunday school – **Steve Anderson, Wynona Anderson, Doug Bacon, Janell Dommer, Kari Hancock, Ashley Johnson, Rich King, Angie Pietig, Chad Pietig, Sara Reed, Jon Rottink, Lee Wilkinson, and Amber Young.**

Wednesday Club – **Wynona Anderson, Matt Broshar, Jackie Hughes, Garry Rottink, Nancy Van Wyk, Cindy Wise, Phyllis Wubben, Winner Banissan, Eva Dommer, Abby Hala, Arion Hancock, Saxon Hancock, Caroline Kauffman, Carissa King, Drew King, Derek Peng, Haley Reed, James Reed, Elliana Rottink, Andrea Torres, and Thomas Wilkinson.**

Awesome Presbys – **Pat Kremer**

Gathering – **Cindy Butler**

CE Prayer Team – **Jinita Boyd, Mavis Gray, Marla Grossman, Julie Lynch, Barb McBride, Doris Strand, Carole Tullis, and Marge Wolfe.**

Summer Camp

It is not too late to sign up for camp. We have kids going several weeks, so see Michelle for information. Camp offering information is also available on the Lakeshore Center at Okoboji website.

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

---Michelle Wilkinson, CE Coordinator



God Sightings

God sightings are a regular newsletter feature, and they should be a regular feature in our own lives as well. This year at VBS, the kids will put

their God sightings on patches which will be used to mend a torn sail from our shipwreck. Where have you seen God today?

Going to the Y next week

Being able to come here

Sunset

Clouds

People

Space

Clean air

Life with God

Snow

Clean water

Learning more about VBS friends

Thunder

Dad

Beautiful day for the prairie.

Flat Jesus



Flat Jesus is back for another summer! Get one from the folder on Michelle's office door, color Him, and take Him along on your travels. Send your pictures to michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org and we will post them.

Luke's Ministry Tinnitus

Tinnitus is the perception of noise or ringing of ears. A common problem, affecting about one in five people. Tinnitus is not a condition itself, but a symptom of an underlying condition, such as age-related hearing loss, ear injury or a circulatory system disorder. Although bothersome, it usually isn't a sign of something serious. It can worsen with age, but with treatment, it can improve. Finding the underlying cause and treating that can improve the situation. Some treatments reduce or mask the noise, making tinnitus less noticeable.

The **Emergency Food Box** is currently in need of the following food items:



canned tomatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, canned fruit, peanut butter, chicken noodle and tomato soup, spaghetti, cereal, boxed dinners. (Please check the expiration dates to make sure the

food items are not outdated.)

Food 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.

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 so much to my church family and my Deacons for all of your love and support. I will miss all of you as I move closer to my family in

Reno, Nevada at the end of May 2018. I have enjoyed being a part of this church and pray that God will bless each of you.

---Mary Lovig

Dear Pastor Rich, First Presbyterian staff and congregation,

Thank you for your generous support of Marshalltown Christian School. We appreciate having had the use of the Sanctuary for rehearsals of "The Return" as well as the kitchen and fellowship hall for our dinner. It was a wonderful evening and so special to bring "The Return" back to life in its original home! God Bless You!

---Bethany Wirin



our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of May: **Matt Broshar, Darrell Meyer, Natalia Peng, Estelle Perkins, Richie Ritter, Garry Rottink, Yasuyo Smith, Carolyn Wilkinson, Lee & Michelle Wilkinson and Barb Wollam.**



It's June and mission trip month! I'm excited even though it's hard to believe it's already here. This school year went fast! We will be leaving June 10, for Madison, Wisconsin to work with Next Step Ministries. We are excited to partner with them again.

Here is a brief statement from them about our trip: Madison faces the same struggles that larger "inner-city" communities face. We have segregation, we have oversight, we have systemic issues that lead people away from community and away from Christ. We are thrilled to invite you into our community and into our story. Next Step is committed to using our ecumenical ministry as a platform for community and a platform for change.

The focus on this particular trip is primarily relational-working with local ministry and non-profit agencies. We are excited about this, as it is a bit different from our usual trip which is more construction based. We are hoping to bring back some good ideas that could be used for outreach in Marshalltown!

As always, we ask for your partnership in prayer. The prayers of the congregation are vital and an important part of our mission. If you would like to contribute to the finances of the trip, you may continue to do that at any time. Let me know if you have any questions or would like to participate on a deeper level. Thanks!

In His service,

Jon Rottink

from God's purposes in us...God guards you from every evil. None of the things that happen to you, none of the trouble you encounter, have any power to get between you and God, dilute His grace in you, divert His will from you" (pg. 42-43).

These words have been a powerful encouragement to me as we journey through these difficult days. As we study them together I believe they will encourage your faith and draw you closer to God, also.

I know that everyone will be absent during sometime this summer. We will read a chapter a week and then talk about it together. If you are absent just keep reading and join us when you can. We will meet in the lower lounge each Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 6:30. I hope you will join me in this time of study and reflection.

Pastor Rich

MAY SESSION ACTIONS

A **Called Session Meeting** was held in the Lower Lounge Sunday, April 29, for the purpose of approving the 2017 Confirmation class. A quorum was present. Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the meeting with prayer. **Motion prevailed** to approve the Confirmands as new members during the worship service. Members of the class include: **Nolan Bartlett, Owen Bovenmyer, Abby Hala, Derek Peng, Haley Jo Reed, & Kevin Strand.**

The **Stated Session Meeting** of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge Tuesday May 15, 2018.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the Session meeting at 7:08 p.m., and Don Feld presented the devotions and opening prayer. Clerk, Doug Butler moderated the meeting after Rich King had to leave the meeting for another appointment.

Motion prevailed to approve the April 17, 2018 minutes as written.

Motion prevailed to approve the transfer of **Garry & Terri Rottink's** membership from Bethany Presbyterian Church in Grundy Center to Marshalltown First Presbyterian Church.

Motion prevailed to approve the baptisms of **Kyley Jo Meyer** on Sunday, June 10, and **Ashton McKibben** on Sunday, July 15, 2018.

Pastors and staff reports were presented.

Finances: Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investments reports noting that giving was down in April even though April was a 5-week giving



A summer Book Study, "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction" by Eugene Peterson will begin on Wednesday, June 13, evenings from 5:30 to 6:30.

Eugene Peterson is a Presbyterian pastor, seminary professor and the translator of "the Message" version of the Bible. He takes us into the Psalms of Ascent (120-134) to help us develop our discipleship in an instant society.

"The truth about what is at the center of our lives and of our history is that Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross for our sins and raised from the tomb for our salvation and that we can participate in new life as we believe in Him, accept His mercy, respond to His love, attend to His commands" (pg. 28).

"The promise of Psalm 122 – and both Hebrews and Christians have always read it this way – is not that we shall never stub our toes but that no injury, no illness, no accident, no distress will have evil power over us, that is, will be able to separate us

month. Spending was below the budget, so we have positive fund balance. Some of the invested money has been moved from Home Federal Bank to United Bank & Trust.

Mission/Evangelism: Matt Broshar reported noting they discussed the mission projects the church supports. Prayers are needed for these projects. They have received \$11,000 from the Bryan Lesch Memorial Fund and will validate that amount before distributing the funds.

Worship & Music: Communion—226 April 1 (Easter Sunday) and 182 on May 6.

Christian Education: Doug Bacon passed a sign-up sheet for people to volunteer to teach summer Sunday school. He noted there will be no Sunday school during the month of July but will have an extended fellowship time. The kids will go to Accura Health Care to sing during the Sunday school time on May 27. VBS starts June 24, and more volunteers are needed to help. The last night of VBS will be held at Grimes Farm, weather permitting. Wednesday Club will continue next fall with a shortened program. There will be a meal in Fellowship Hall at the first meeting. Child Abuse Prevention training will be held June 3, at 11:30 a.m.

A & P: Minutes from the M & I Committee were distributed noting Doug Butler has requested Nancy schedule times for staff reviews. The May 6, Sunday school time was used to discuss the results of the Mission Study Committee (MSC) surveys. The Committee is asking the assigned committees to work on the short-term goals and provide feedback on progress to Session each month and a formal report should be given at the September 29, MSC follow-up Session Retreat. The first Sunday of the month at Adult Sunday school may be used to discuss MSC and work on goals. The committee discussed the possibility of hiring a paid helper from Bobcat Academy in the Nursery each Sunday no volunteers have signed up to help. Plans are being made to schedule an external financial review costing approximately \$5,000.

Membership & Involvement: Julie Lynch reported that the Confirmation brunch went very well. The May 6, new member's class was postponed. A potluck will be held May 20, to honor the graduates. A breakfast will be held June 10, to send off the group going on the mission trip. Jack Stickfort will make more wooden cradles to update the Cradle Role.

Property: Richie Ritter reported that Fellowship Hall remodel has begun. The mailboxes have been moved to the landing. Voting is taking place on what should be put on the floor in Fellowship Hall. There will be work nights every Tuesday evening to work on this project. Anyone can help with these

updates. Currently, the kitchen speaker is not working. The committee is working on the moisture issue in the Movie Room and may replace the TV in that room after the CE Committee gives them directives. The committee is working with the Hebron Church personnel to get a lease for them to use the Gathering Place for worship services each Sunday afternoon.

They discussed starting a Dedicated Security Committee. Session directed the committee to take this back to their meeting and come to the June 19, 2018 Session meeting with a recommendation.

Other Business: None.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jon Rottink.

Newsletter deadline with, JULY 2018 information is due Wednesday, JUNE 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:

June 14—Flag Day

June 17—Father's Day

June 19—SESSION

June 20—World Refugee Day

June 21—First Day of Summer

June 24—World AIDS Sunday



June 2018 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Lauren Mosher
3 Ruth Feld	4 Ralph Bender Diane Broshar Reena Pearson	5 Diane Starn	6	7 Rich Daniels	8 Irene Hopp	9 Kathy Fulk Kurt Lynch
10 Mary Hemming	11 Stan Van Wyk Michelle Wilkinson	12 Ryan Jensen	13 Doris Strand	14 Larry Erion	15 Nolan Bartlett Ashley Hala Anastasia King	16 Marylou Beckmann
17	18 Craig Henze	19 Dennis Ostrem	20 Rhoda Bender Saxon Hancock	21 Brecken Payne	22	23 Linda Allen Lynn Jensen Moyra Severa Lucas Thiessen
24 Anna Randall	25 Roger Anders Rod Plavets	26 Cathy Pearson	27	28	29 Jacob Thiessen Austin Tullis	30 Steven & Zachary Broshar

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24	
Worship Leader...					
9:00 ...	Lee Wilkinson	Doug Boyd	Jim Grimmus	Matt Broshar	
Greeters 9:00	Jan Faber	H. & B. Bradbury	Bert & Carole Permar	Betty Jacobs & Loren Vogt	
Fellowship Hosts..	Jan Faber	Mike & Joan Gerbo	Kurt Lynch	_____	
Cup Washers	Steve & Doris Strand	_____	Don & Yasuyo Smith	Darrell Meyer	
Nursery	Joan Gerbo & Bethany Wirin	_____ & _____	Allison Grosvenor & _____	_____ & _____	
Deacons	Greg & Suzanne Brown	Jackie Hughes & Susan Lawyer	Joyce Anderegg & Barb Vovos	Harlan & Marcia Quick	
Donuts	Marlene Hall	Mike & Joan Gerbo	Marge Wolfe	Gerald & Kathryn Schaudt	
Flowers	Marlene Hall	Pat & Mary Hemming	S. & W. Anderson	Mavis Gray	
Ushers	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY
Team Captain	Terry Buzbee Hank Bradbury Ed Jackson Harlan Quick Larry Schrum Don Turbiville	Brenda Severson Donita Anders Roger Anders Stan & Nancy VanWyk Barb Vovos	Roger & Karen Schoell Pat & Mary Hemming Ron & Linda Kauffman	Jon Rottink Youth	Dick & Barb McBride Doug & Karen Bacon Doris & Orlyn Langenbau Steve Strand Jerry Rakowicz
Usher Alternates <u>in alphabetical</u> (9:00 a.m. – All Year)	Bonnie Bradbury Roger Bristley Doug Butler Jim Grimmus	Craig Henze Pat Kremer Doris Langenbau Orlyn Langenbau	Dennis Ostrem Tracy Ostrem LaVern Paul Harlan Quick	Marcia Quick Jerry Schaudt Brenda Severson Don Smith	Yasuyo Smith Barb Vovos Dale Wedgwood

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JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 9:30 a.m. Church Women United – United Church of Christ	2 4-7 p.m. Marta Bao's Graduation Open House – Lower Lounge
3 9 a Worship/Communion 10:00a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS – All ages 11:30 a.m. Child Protection Training	4 5:30 p.m. Missions 6:30 p.m. W & M 7:30 p.m. Property	5 9:00a.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. M & I 7:30 p.m. CE	6 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	7 8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p.m. Oasis 12:00p Pastor's Prayer Group	8 4:00p Wedding Rehearsal for Alaina Severson & Brandon Goodman	9 3:30p Wedding of Alaina Severson & Brandon Goodman
10 8a Breakfast for Mission Group 9:00 a.m. Worship – Baptism Kiley Meyer 10:00a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS - All ages Mission Trip Group Leaves for Wisconsin	5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting/GP	12 5:00 p.m. A & P	13 1-3p Open Gathering Place for the AP's 5:30p Book Study -LL 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	14 8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 12p Pastor's Prayer Grp.	15	16
17 Father's Day Mission Group Back 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. SS – All ages	18 5:00p Finance & Stewardship	19 9:00a Staff Meeting 7:00 p.m. Session	20 Newsletter Articles are Due 5:30p Book Study - LL 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	21 8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 12p Pastor's Prayer Grp. HOC Volunteers	22	23
24 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:05a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:15a SS– All ages – 5:00 p.m. VBS	25 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting/GP 5:00p VBS	26 5:00p VBS	27 5:00p VBS	28 8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 12p Pastor's Prayer Grp. 5:00p VBS – Grimes Farm	29	30 Year-end Social for the Choir