

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*.

*August Memory Verse*

*“Be still and know that I am God.”*

*Psalms 46:10*

**Fellowship Community in the Presbyterian Church USA**

The Presbyterian Church is based on a representative form of government. Elders (presbyters) are elected by each level of government to gather in assembly and seek the will of God, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, under the Word of God. While Presbyterians started with a very solid theology based in the works of John Calvin, it is progressed to the point where there is no one theological perspective that dominates our denomination. The Presbyterian Church USA is as diverse in its theology as it can be. It is evident that Presbyterians can read Scripture in radically different ways and consider its authority over our lives at drastically different levels.

In the last century Presbyterianism, as Joe Small says, “has taught people how to vote but not how to discern the truth.” Policies and theological perspectives now shift on the vote of any one General Assembly and shift according to who does the best lobbying effort. This has contributed to the great diversity in theological perspective we now possess in the Presbyterian Church USA.

There are many members of our church who look at the decisions of our denomination and find them unconscionable from their perspective of faith. Some of these individuals have asked for our church to leave this denomination, but the process to do so would be costly in relationships, ministry, and finances. Others are completely content to stay in the Presbyterian Church USA accepting the great diversity and theological perspectives.

The Fellowship Community is the middle ground. It is a group within the Presbyterian Church USA that upholds a more evangelical theological perspective. It encourages and equips churches to reach out with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Because they are still in the Presbyterian Church USA, joining with them does not require us to leave the denomination. It merely aligns us with other churches that teach and view Scripture in a similar manner to we do, and seek to do the mission work that we are engaged in. It allows those who are uncomfortable with the diversity of theological perspectives in the Presbyterian Church USA to claim an identity that is more traditional in nature.

In September, the Session will vote on whether we should officially join the other churches in the Fellowship Community. This membership would allow us to receive the resources, support and encourage of like-minded congregations as we carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ without the costly effort to leave the Presbyterian Church USA.

*Pastor Rich*



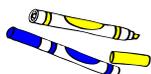
There will be no Hymn Sing in or August.



Many students will begin the 2018 school year without even the most basic classroom necessities. Please join us to help kids in our community go back to school with the tools they need to succeed as we "Stuff the Bus!"

We're inviting you to make a positive impact on a child's life as you purchase school supplies or make a cash donation for students in need in Marshall County. If you choose to make a financial donation, please make checks payable to the House of Compassion and note on the check "school supplies." All funds will be used to purchase items needed to complete the backpacks.

Families must register at the House of Compassion to receive these school supplies. Families qualify by meeting standards based on the current poverty guidelines. We trust you who have been supportive in the past will continue to donate as the needs are great. Last year we were able to help approximately 700 students through the School Supply Distribution.



Stuff the Bus will be headquartered outside Marshalltown HyVee & Walmart. The school bus will be staffed with volunteers and donations will be accepted on the following dates and times:

**HyVee:** Friday, August 3, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

**Wal-Mart:** Saturday, August 4, 11:00-4:00 and Sunday, August 5, 11:00-4:00



**Supplies collected at your church must be taken to the bus no later than August 5.**

Below are the items we need the most.

We will need over 4,000 pocket folders.

**Wide Loose-leaf Notebook Paper Elementary**

**Scissors, Composition Notebooks**

**Black, Blue, Red Pens**

**Colored Pocket Folders, 3 Ring Notebooks**

**Spiral Notebooks, 12 count Colored Pencils**

**Erasers (pencil tip & regular)**

**Wide Washable Markers, Ear Buds**



All supplies should be new, not used. After "Stuff the Bus" donations are gathered, supplies will be placed into backpacks and distributed to area children whose families have registered at the House of Compassion. The Distribution takes place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sat., Aug. 11, 10:00-3:00 and Mon., Aug. 13, 3:00-7:00.

If you have questions, please contact the House of Compassion @ 641-752-5999. Thanks so much for participating in this project that benefits families

and brings smiles to children and youth in Marshall County.

This year, the House of Compassion "Stuff the Bus" program will be helping students affected by the tornado as well as HOC clients. Families may come to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 201 E. Church St. to receive a backpack of basic supplies.

**Distribution will be Saturday, August 11, 10a – 3p & Monday, August 13, 3-7 p.m.**

HOC clients must be registered and current, but families affected by the tornado will only need to sign name and address when picking up supplies at the distribution site. Let's all work together to keep "Marshalltown Strong."

**Serving Christ with you,  
The Supply Closet Team  
House of Compassion**

## Financial Report for June

JUNE 2018	Actual
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$29,709.00</b>
Budget	31,357.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,990.00</b>
Budget	30,431.00
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$201,555.00</b>
Budget	209,300.00
Difference	(7,745.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$205,564.00)</b>
Budget	(214,117.00)
Difference	8,553.00



**Iowa River Hospice Grief Healers Support Group** can help you with the challenges and feelings that the loss of

a loved one presents. We warmly welcome any who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Grief is a normal, healthy but difficult journey and you are not alone! Our support group meets the first Thursday each month and you are welcome anytime. Please consider joining us at the next meeting on August 2, at 1:00PM in our conference room at 502 Plaza Heights Road in Marshalltown. There is no cost or obligation...just help and support waiting for you! Call for more information at 641-753-7704.

Caregivers are often unsung heroes who put the needs of others ahead of their own. **Iowa River Hospice** can help! Our Caregiver Support Group

called **Common Bonds** is available. Our skilled Social Worker Kirstan Condit leads the group the **third Friday each month at 2:00 at Hope United Methodist Church 2203 South 3rd Ave in Marshalltown.** Our next meeting is Friday, August 17. We welcome all who are caring for a loved one in their home or in a healthcare facility to join us anytime. There is no charge for our support group and all are welcome.

We'd love to meet you! Join us. Please call for more information at 641-753-7704 or visit us on the web [www.iowaRiverHospice.org](http://www.iowaRiverHospice.org).

**Church Women United** will NOT meet in August.

## PWC News



**Elizabeth Circle** will not meet in August.

**Sarah Circle** will not meet in August.

## Awesome Presbys

Awesome Presbys enjoyed inventing their own games with pool noodles and beach balls during open Gathering Place in July. They also learned more about the YouVersion Bible app. A trip to "Perfect Games" is being planned for Friday, August 17.

---Michelle Wilkinson, CE Coordinator

## Sunday School

Sunday school will resume Sunday, August 5, 2018.

Thank you to all who have signed up to lead Sunday school this summer. There is only one Sunday remaining. If you are available to lead the children on Sunday, September 2, please sign up on the clipboard or on the door to Michelle's office.

## 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](mailto:michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org) and we will post them.

## 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 put their God sightings on patches to mend a tattered sail. Adults will have an opportunity to put their God Sightings on patches during fellowship and Sunday school time in August. Where have you seen God today?

## Luke's Ministry Botox

Botulinum toxin is a neurotoxin which is produced by the gram positive anaerobic bacterium clostridium botulinum, a disease that is characterized by potentially life-threatening neuromuscular. This bacterium was identified in 1895 and isolated in the 1920's.

Botulinum toxin is treating hyperhidrosis and the glabellar lines is well known and FDA approved. The FDA (Food and Drug Administration) first approved it for treatment of eye spasm and crossed eyes.

The first time I heard of Botox was when it was being used in the 1960's to treat spasms caused in children with Cerebral Palsy, and then it became more widely known for people using it to erase wrinkles and many other cosmetic therapies.

It has become even more useful medically at this current time for significant medical needs. It is very popular for treating migraine headaches, spasticity post stroke, bladder over activity, dermatitis, pain relief, post shingles pain, Raynaud Syndrome, severe sweating and many other medical problems.

Botox is usually administered by a Neurologist or a doctor educated in its use.

If you have a condition that Botox might be helpful, please see your physician. Medicare does

pay for Botox if given every 30 days plus one, depending on the disease or condition it is used to eliminate.



My 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was truly a blessing. The many cards and notes from many of you made it a special blessing. Thank you for remembering me.

---Rhoda Bender

## Volunteers for House of Compassion

The House of Compassion receives a regular supply of food from a food distribution firm in Ankeny. This donation provides the majority of our food for meals each evening. A volunteer driver, with pickup truck and/or trailer, travels to the firm site every 2 weeks on Friday to secure the food. A number of drivers from Marshalltown and surrounding communities take turns volunteering their time and vehicles to provide this service. Sandy Zmolek serves as the coordinator of this activity and has notified us that additional volunteers are now needed. Interested parties are asked to contact her at 641-752-7022.

March Runner  
House of Compassion  
211 W Church Street  
Marshalltown, IA 50158  
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[www.houseofcompassion.net](http://www.houseofcompassion.net)



The **Emergency Food Box** is currently in need of the following food items: *canned tomatoes, canned corn, canned green beans, other canned vegetables, 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.

**If anyone has fresh produce they want to share with the EFB, please bring it to 109 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. They would love to get the produce to share with their clients.**

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.



**Thanks &  
a Tip of  
the Hat to...**

our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of July: **Awesome Presbys, Matt Broshar, Shirley Egli, Ed Jackson, Carolyn Wilkinson, and Barb Wollam.**

---Everyone who has helped with the tornado clean-up, volunteering time, bringing donations, cooking & serving meals. You are all God's hands.

## JULY SESSION ACTIONS

The **Stated Session meeting** of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown, met in the Lower Lounge Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

**New Members:** Eight prospective new members were interviewed to become members of the church. **Motion prevailed** to approve **Ryan & Carlee Flack, Josh & Allison Grosvenor, Matt & Kelsey McKibben and Andy & Anna Randall** as new members. They will be introduced to the church on August 12.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Richard A. King opened the Session meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Doug Bacon presented the devotions and opening prayer.

**Motion prevailed** to approve the June 19, 2018 Stated Session Meeting as printed.

**Motion prevailed** to approve the removal from the rolls of **Jack Farr** due to his death 7-5-2019. **Motion prevailed** to approve the baptism of **Owen Andrew Randall** on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

Pastors and staff reports were presented.

**Finances:** Matt Broshar presented the Financial and Investments reports noting that giving in June was pretty consistent with the giving the last four years. Church attendances have been down this summer. There is a positive cash flow as spending was below the budget. Some CD's will be coming due soon.

**Mission/Evangelism:** Matt Broshar reported noting they discussed the four main mission projects the church supports; and updates were given on each project. The \$11,000 received from the Bryan Lesch Memorial Fund is correct. The committee plans to apply for mission grants from Presbytery for Wellspring Missions and Jonathan's House. Other ideas will be discussed at the August committee meeting. August 25, is the deadline for submitting Mission Partnership Grant Applications. They reviewed the results from the Outreach goal discussion at the July 1, Sunday school class.

**Worship & Music: Communion**—141 on June 3 and 145 on July 1. No other report.

**Christian Education:** Doug Bacon reported that the committee reviewed VBS and felt it was very successful this year. The food was exceptionally good. They discussed the Sunday school focus group items to determine how and when to implement some of them. They will need to coordinate with other committees on some initiatives. Ashley Johnson and Amber Young would like to coordinate a group who would take care of "Children's Church." Discussion on this will be continued. A list of long-term goals for Christian Education was presented to Session.

**A & P:** Doug Butler reported that the committee reviewed the results of staff reviews and will take appropriate actions based on the input. Copies of the reviews will be sent to the church for Rich to review and to be filed. Rich King will baptize two babies in July 2018. The Mission Study Committee focus groups will continue to meet August 1. Information concerning joining the Fellowship has been distributed to the congregation and Session will vote on whether or not to join the Fellowship at the September meeting. No one from Bobcat Academy was interested in helping in the church nursery each week. Ashley Johnson will continue to check with the employees at Bobcat Academy to see if there is any interest. The committee was updated on the Finance Committee work and decisions needed to be made by the Property Committee.

**Membership & Involvement:** Darrell Meyer reported that four couples attended the Inquirer's classes on July 8 & 9. Plans are being made for church members to attend an Iowa Cubs game on Sunday, September 2, and a Bike Ride to Grimes Farm on Sunday, September 16. Jackie Hughes is watching for a good movie to come to the Gladbrook Theatre that people could attend and also tour the Matchstick Museum. The committee discussed having a "Trunk or Treat" in the church parking lot at

Halloween. The committee needs ideas for activities to do for the congregation.

**Property:** Richie Ritter reported that Dave Thompson has been talking to Rich King about buying his property next door when his old building is raised. They will check with the city assessor's office to get the assessed value of that land. The remodel of Fellowship Hall continues. There is no firm estimates on the windows yet. Drop-in speakers are being put in the ceiling to replace the speakers on the walls. Carpet and tile have been ordered for the fellowship hall, kitchen and hallway. A new lawnmower was purchased to replace the electric mower the church has. Three new dehumidifiers have been purchased for the church. **Motion prevailed** to allow Pastor Floyd of the Hebron Temple to use the Gathering Place on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for youth group at no additional rental fee.

**Other Business:** Presbytery is receiving a new congregation from LeRoy, Minnesota into the N. Central Iowa Presbytery on Sunday, July 29. General Assembly has approved this congregational move. Representatives from N. Central Iowa Presbytery churches are encouraged to attend this service.

The meeting was closed with small group prayer.

**Newsletter deadline with, SEPT. 2018 information is due Monday, AUG. 20, 2018 for anyone wanting to submit an article.**

*Members in mission making a difference.*

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**Reminder:**

Aug. 6—Hiroshima Day

Aug. 12—College & Young Adult Sunday

**Aug. 21—SESSION**



## August 2018 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Gerald Schaudt	4 Lissa Duff
5	6 Vanessa Drummer Rich King Betsy & Ben Wirin	7 Payton Pietig	8 Winner Banissan Lars Dommer Jarrett Drummer	9 Stefan Peng	10 Pam Brandenburg	11 Brenda Mosher
12 Arlene Lange Bert Permar	13 Jean Haslett	14 Afeafa Eklou Ralph Ward	15	16	17 Gail Boliver Matt Broshar	18
19 Bonnie Sievers	20 Roger Bristley Dee Daniels Parker Pietig	21 Samuel Afoutou Greg Brown Ray Zeisneiss	22 Chuck Colwell Connie Sanford	23	24	25
26	27	28 Ryan Bell	29 Lyn Rakowicz Lola Rinnan Blair VanStaalduine	30 Ken Sharpshair	31 Fran Smith	

	Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	
<b>Worship Leader...</b>					
<b>9:00</b> ...	Larry Schrum	Craig Henze	Lavonne Watkins	Doug Butler	
<b>Greeters 9:00</b> .....	Pat & Nancy Kremer	Bob Boeyink	_____	_____	
<b>Fellowship Hosts..</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	
<b>Cup Washers.....</b>	_____	_____	_____	_____	
<b>Nursery.....</b>	Deb Williams & _____	Deb Williams & Barb Hawkins	Deb Williams & _____	Deb Williams & _____	
<b>Deacons.....</b>	Greg & Suzanne Brown	Jackie Hughes & Susan Lawyer	Joyce Angeregg & Barb Vovos	Harlan & Marcia Quick	
<b>Donuts .....</b>	Jim & Bonnie Grimmus	_____	_____	Ron & Dorothy Wilson	
<b>Flowers .....</b>	Ralph & Rhoda Bender	Gail & Janeen Boliver	_____	Robin Harrison	
<b>Ushers .....</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY</b>
<b>Team Captain</b>	<b>Terry Buzbee</b> Hank Bradbury Ed Jackson Harlan Quick Larry Schrum Don Turbiville	<b>Brenda Severson</b> Donita Anders Roger Anders Stan & Nancy VanWyk Barb Vovos	<b>Roger &amp; Karen Schoell</b> Pat & Mary Hemming Ron & Linda Kauffman	<b>Jon Rottink</b> Youth	<b>Dick &amp; Barb McBride</b> Doug & Karen Bacon Doris & Orlyn Langenbau Steve Strand Jerry Rakowicz
<b>Usher Alternates in alphabetical (9:00 a.m. – All Year)</b>					
Bonnie Bradbury	Craig Henze	Dennis Ostrem	Marcia Quick	Yasuyo Smith	
Roger Bristley	Pat Kremer	Tracy Ostrem	Jerry Schaudt	Barb Vovos	
Doug Butler	Doris Langenbau	LaVern Paul	Brenda Severson	Dale Wedgwood	
Jim Grimmus	Orlyn Langenbau	Harlan Quick	Don Smith		

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  5:30p Book Study - LL 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	2  8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 12p Pastor's Prayer Grp.	3	4
5  9:00 a.m. Worship - Communion 10:15a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:30a.m. – SS All Ages	6  5:30 p.m. Missions 6:30 p.m. W & M 7:30 p.m. CE 7:30 p.m. Property	7  9:00a.m. Staff Meeting  6:30 p.m. M & I	8  1-3 p.m. Open Gathering Place for the AP's 5:30p Book Study - LL 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	9  8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p.m. Oasis 12:00p Pastor's Prayer Group	10	11
12  9:00 a.m. Worship – <b>New Members Introduced</b> 10:15a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:30 a.m. – SS All Ages	13  5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting/GP	14  5:00 p.m. A & P	15  5:30p Book Study - LL 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	16  8:30 am Flapjacks <b>10a - 2p Pastor's Cohort meets here in Fellowship Hall</b> 12:00 p Oasis 12p Pastor's Prayer Grp. 2:30 – 7:00 p.m. - HOC Volunteers	17  1:00 p.m. AP's to Perfect Games in Ames	18
19  9:00 a.m. Worship- <b>Blessing the Backpacks</b> 10:15a Gathering/ Fellowship Time 10:30 a.m. – SS All Ages	20  <b>Newsletter Articles are Due</b>  6:30p Finance & Stewardship	21  9:00a Staff Meeting  7:00 p.m. Session	22  5:30p Book Study - LL 8:30 p.m. Praise Team	23  8:30 am Flapjacks 12:00p Oasis 12p Pastor's Prayer Grp.	24	25
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