

# 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*.

## July Memory Verse

*“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”*

*Colossians 3:2 (NIV)*



The church office will be **closed** **Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** for the Independence Day holiday.



## Words of Wisdom from Pastor Bryan Kunz



### One Year

I have been reflecting recently on the last year. It is surprising to think that it has been a full year and yet only a year that we have been at First Presbyterian. This has been a great year. Personally, my family has enjoyed being closer to extended family and we are settling into Marshalltown and are enjoying developing relationships here. It is amazing to think about how much my children have grown in the past year and I look forward to how they will develop in the coming year. Larissa and I have been stretched through

parenting, changing jobs, moving, and everything else the year has brought, but God has carried us through.

In regards to church, I want to take this opportunity to say three things:

First, thank you. I cannot say this enough. You all have welcomed us, supported us, and encouraged us. From the beginning you have treated us as new members of the family. We love being here and look forward to many more years together. Thank you for your support of me as your pastor, but also for the personal support you give Larissa and me and the ways you encourage me to have a proper balance in life. Thank you also for your support of the ministry here. I am so thankful that even with some significant property issues I do not have to be concerned about being able to keep the ministry funded. I could go on in gratitude for quite a while, but I will let Paul speak for me when he writes “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:3-6)

Second, I rejoice over what God is doing at First Presbyterian right now. I have been amazed at the ways God is using you all for his kingdom purposes. Becoming a pastor of a church is a bit like buying a house. Before you buy you try to figure out the significant problems and then you buy it, knowing you will soon discover more issues you didn’t expect and hoping they will be fixable and will not compromise the integrity of the whole thing. I became your pastor seeing some ways I thought we could grow and improve our ministries (and we are working toward those goals), but since then I have found amazing, exciting things happening through the church. I have been surprised by your generosity and care for one

another. I am amazed by your faithfulness and trust through difficult times. Again, I could go on, but will resist. Of course, we have our places we can grow as a church, but God is at work in awesome ways here and the question is not “how do we rebuild this whole thing?” but “how do we follow God’s leading in this chapter?”

Third, thinking about the last year makes me look forward to the next. I am excited by the potential of the coming year. As many of you know, I have gathered a small team to explore how God is calling us to be at work in Marshalltown. This group is bringing together people from the church to discern where God is leading and we are connecting with people throughout our community to consider where First Presbyterian fits into our context. Based on the work we have already done, I am really excited by what is to come for the church. I hope the next year will bring a great Director of Youth Discipleship and Outreach to join us and lead us in outreach. I am excited by the potential for growth I am seeing in our youth programs and, even more importantly, the way I see youth growing in their walks with the Lord. It is easy to be discouraged by the issues we see around us in the world, but this church (and all churches) has the job of displaying and declaring the light of God in the world. I see it here in this church and I hope you do too. Let’s work together in the next year to display and declare it even more clearly!

---Rev. Bryan Kunz



## All-Church Picnic



We are having an all-church picnic at the Kauffman shelter at the city park in State Center (across from West Marshall High School on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW) on **Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**, with lunch served at **11:30 a.m.**

This is for everyone – splashpad for the kids, games for kids and adults, good visiting with friends. Bring your towels.

M&I will supply everything – EXCEPT... we ask those attending to bring either a salad or dessert.

We will be serving brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, baked beans, drink. All paper supplies provided also.



Class of 2022 high school graduates Owen Bovemyer and Kevin Strand were honored on Sunday, May 29.



## Membership & Involvement News

***M&I needs your help!***



If you enjoy donut and coffee time each Sunday, please take the time to sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall or go online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA9AA2FAAFDC16-sunday>

Our Sunday Servants jobs are easy – greeters, fellowship host, cup washers, helping in nursery, and providing donuts. We REALLY need your help to keep this fellowship time going. We have faithful people who sign up over and over; but we have enough people who enjoy fellowship that it should not be necessary for them to do it so often.

If you don’t like to use the Sign-up Genius, talk to, text, or email Jackie and she will go in and sign up for you.

Regardless of your age, please consider this a way to continue to give to your Church.

---Thanks, M & I Committee



Take me out to the Ballpark! Some of our Church members and friends enjoyed a great Iowa Cubs ballgame at Principal Park on Father's Day! Good seats in the shade made this a very enjoyable day.



### Mission Trip 2022 Recap

Saturday, June 12, 2022, a group of people gathered in the church parking lot to see our youth mission team head to Texas, to serve as God's hands and feet in Broaddus and San Augustine for a week. The M & I Committee prepared breakfast and road trip snacks, and Pastor Bryan, parents, and many other church members were there to give the mission team a proper send-off.

We lost some of our group to illness before we even got started. The following team members made it to Texas to serve – five youth: *Winner Banissan, Shelby Bovenmyer, Elliana Rottink,*



*Thomas Wilkinson, and Isaac Young, and four adults: Garry Rottink, Jon Rottink, Michelle Wilkinson, and Amber Young.*

While in Texas we were split into two work crews with people from other churches. One crew did interior work on a house for a



her. They had a wonderful experience with relational ministry while they were painting and making repairs. Our other crew did exterior work at the host church and its parsonage across the road. While this group did not have the same opportunity with the pastor and his wife, they did learn many new skills

and developed their relational ministry skills with the youth and leader from the other church group they were working with.

There were many other ways in which God was at work and presenting unique opportunities to our team. Our youth are excited to go on another mission trip next year. One even said that though it was weird having a parent along, said parent should go again next year, too.



The mission team is excited to share more about their experiences in Texas with the congregation during the **July 10, 2022**, worship service.





## Blessing Bags

The youth will be assembling 50 blessing bags in July. Thank you to everyone who brought items or donated money for this project. They are still collecting money for this project. Please put "blessing bags" on the memo line of your check if you'd like to donate.

Thank you for supporting this important project for sharing the love of Christ in our community.



## Recent Mission Blog Posts

You can catch up on these recent mission blog posts at <https://www.fpcmarshalltown.org/blog>

- June 7 Resources for thinking about justice
- June 14 Youth and Shelter Services (YSS)
- June 21 Youth Mission Trip to Texas
- June 28 French Toast and Eggs



## Circle News



**Elizabeth Circle** will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church on **Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** at **1:30 p.m.**

**Sarah Circle** will not meet this summer. We will see you all again in September.



**Flapjacks** meets **every Thursday at 8:30 a.m.** in the Lower Lounge.



VBS Volunteer Training will be held **Wednesday, June 29, 2022** from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. This training is for youth and adults.



In the cause of freedom we have to battle for the rights of people with whom we do not agree. ... If we do not defend their rights, we endanger our own.

---Harry Truman



## Rocky Railway VBS



Vacation Bible School is coming soon! Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend July 18 – 21, 2022. Supper will be provided for the whole family at 5:00 p.m. then VBS will run from 5:45-8:00 p.m.

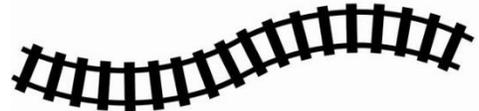
### How you can help:

We are still in need of donations for two things:

**Music CDs:** 45 CDs at \$7 each

**Sundae toppings** – please no nuts

Thank you!



What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.

—Joseph Addison



A life without love is like a year without summer.

—Swedish proverb



## Summer Youth Events

Mark your calendars for these remaining summer youth night events:



Wed., July 13 – Service & Swim – 1-3 p.m.

Sun. August 7 – Movie Night – details TBD



## Dual citizenship



For Christianity and democracy to work, both need responsible citizens. Consider what happens to a republic when its citizens won't run for public office, won't vote, won't work for the common good, duck paying taxes and mistreat others. Now consider what happens when Christians won't volunteer at the church, won't give, won't practice their faith, won't love their neighbors. Both our country and our faith need sincere practitioners. Nationally, we need a citizenry committed to making the ideals of liberty the practices of life in America. Christianity needs followers of Jesus committed to making the ideals of God's kingdom the practices of daily life.

This is not an either-or situation. Christians everywhere are citizens of two countries, one on earth and one in eternity. The kingdom of God is not yet fully come, but it's already in effect. Our two citizenships can neither be fully united nor fully separated. We cannot withdraw from the world and pretend we are somehow dwelling only in the kingdom of God now; nor can we simply embrace the world and assume earthly governments fulfill God's will. Those are extremes, and they are unbiblical.

—from a sermon by Stan Purdum

## Financial Report for May

MAY 2022	Actual
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$31,586.00</b>
Budget	35,355.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$24,999.00)</b>
Budget	(28,266.00)
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$155,960.00</b>
Budget	160,577.00
Difference	(4,617.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$138,074.00)</b>
Budget	(166,148.00)
Difference	28,074.00



We'd like to see you, but if you can't make it to church on Sunday you may mail your donations to First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Center St., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.



On the mission trip, the team looked for places where they could see God at work. Next Step Ministries (our mission partners) calls these God sightings "Yay, God!" moments. Here are a few:

- Garry and his skills
- Puppies
- Being blessed by the people we went to bless
- Good crews
- Safe travel and low traffic
- New friends
- Powerful worship
- Winner's chicken
- Seeing the growth and faith of our youth
- Doing work that helped people



## Camp News

Sadly, Lakeshore Center at Okoboji canceled all resident camps for this summer because they were unable to hire adequate staff to present a safe program.

If your child's camp was canceled, you may talk with Pastor Bryan or Angie Pietig for information about registering for a different camp.

Lakeshore will offer family camps in place of the regular camps, offering all the usual camp activities. Staff will provide programming and safety and families will decide for themselves which activities they want to do and supervise their children. See the Lakeshore website if you are interested in this fun family vacation alternative:

<https://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org/>



Our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of June: **Jackie Hughes, Rich King, Tracy Ostrem, and Bert Tice.** And to **Steve Anderson** for fixing the church doorbell that was ringing outside but not inside.



We would like to thank those who sent us a card or just shared kind words on our 50th anniversary.  
---**Chuck and Jackie Hughes**



We would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words, and memorials for Barb. They mean so much to us. The memorial money will go to the church music department in honor of her years playing piano for Sunday school.  
---**The family of Barb Boeyink**



A big thank you to the M & I Committee for the breakfast and snacks for our mission trip to Texas. It was so good! Thank you also to everyone who came out to send us off and to everyone who prayed throughout the week.  
--- **The mission trip team**



## The Emergency Food Box



The Emergency Food Box **returned to Friday service** in June! They are open from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. on Fridays and from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday at their new location (107 N 1<sup>st</sup> St.).

EFB is currently in need of the following food items: **canned vegetables, canned or dry beans, cereal, canned tomatoes (diced or sauce), peanut butter, canned soups, juices of any kind, condiments.**

Food items or monetary (check/cash) donations may be brought to the EFB when they are open. Please make checks payable to: Emergency Food Box. Our mailing address is PO 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 available, and we are very flexible in arranging times to fit your schedule! Please call Cindy at 752-4868 or 752-8363 if you would like to volunteer. Thank you for your support and prayers.



## JUNE SESSION ACTIONS

The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown will not meet until June 28, 2022, after publication. Look for June Session actions to be in the July newsletter. Session will meet August 2, 2022, covering both July and August business at that time.

*Members in mission making a difference.*  
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## July 2022 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed.</i></p>					<b>1</b> Richie Ritter	<b>2</b> Susan Hibbs Max Reed
<b>3</b> CayDen Bartlett Dalton Henze	<b>4</b> Nancy Kremer	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Doris Langenbau	<b>7</b> Aidan Walker	<b>8</b> Tanner Heinrichs	<b>9</b> Sarah Hemming- Meyer
<b>10</b> Dave Beckmann	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Kris Colwell	<b>14</b> Gail Reese	<b>15</b> Terry Buzbee	<b>16</b> Michael Hancock
<b>17</b> Deanna Bell Tyler Jensen	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Abby Hala	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Paul Peglow	<b>22</b> Steve Anderson	<b>23</b> Carson Erikson
<b>24</b> Josh Grosvenor Fred Rinnan	<b>25</b> Jerry VanStaalduine Morgan VanStaalduine	<b>26</b> Mary Lovig	<b>27</b> Marge Wolfe	<b>28</b> Brooke Tullis	<b>29</b> Dave Freel	<b>30</b> Ben Ostrem
<b>31</b>						



**Reminder:**

- July 1 – Canada Day
- July 4 – Independence Day
- June 10 – Mission Trip Sunday
- June 18 - 21 – VBS**
- July 19 – Deacons**



**Newsletter deadline with AUGUST 2022 information is due Wednesday, July 20, 2022, for anyone wanting to submit an article.**

Role	SUNDAY SERVANTS				
	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Jackie Hughes	Youth Mission Trip Team	Angie Pietig		Lee Wilkinson
<b>Greeters</b>	Pat & Mary Hemming	Larry & Lavonne Watkins			
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	Matt & Mindy Tullis			Larry & Lavonne Watkins	
<b>Cup Washers</b>				Larry & Lavonne Watkins	
<b>Donuts</b>	John & Cindy Wise	Marlene Hall			Jim & Bonnie Grimmius
<b>Nursery</b>	&	Larissa Kunz & Deb Williams	Barb Hawkins & Deb Williams	& Deb Williams	& Deb Williams
<b>Flowers</b>	Sue & Barry Bryant		Linda Allen		
<b>Deacons</b>	Tim & Deanna Bell	Pat & Nancy Kremer	Brenda Miller & Carole Permar	Barb McBride & Terri Rottink	Paul & Karin Podhajsky
<b>Usher Teams</b>	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY
<b>Team Captain</b>	<b>Terry Buzbee &amp; Larry Schrum</b>	<b>Stan &amp; Nancy VanWyk</b>	<b>Roger &amp; Karen Schoell</b>	<b>Josh Grosvenor &amp; Andy Randall</b>	<b>Dick &amp; Barb McBride</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Tim Bell Mick DuBois Harlan Quick Bruce Wirin	Amy Drummer Jeff Drummer Bill Eilers Barb Vovos	Pat & Mary Hemming Karin Podhajsky Paul Podhajsky	Ryan Flack Lucas Johnson Matt McKibben Ross Turbiville Kyle Young	Chuck Colwell Karen Colwell Steve Strand
<b>Usher Alternates</b> (any Sunday)	Bonnie Bradbury Pat Kremer Don Smith	Roger Bristley Dennis Ostrem Yasuyo Smith	Bill Eilers Tracy Ostrem Barb Vovos	Jim Grimmius LaVern Paul Lee Wilkinson	Craig Henze Harlan Quick

## Hooray for VBS!

For many churches, vacation Bible school is a summer highlight. The event leads to lasting memories and changed hearts. It also sparks laughter. Maybe you've seen VBS humor online, such as the quote, "I'm tired, I mean like ... vacation Bible school kind of tired!" Another post reads, "You know you're obsessed with VBS when ... you're excited about cardboard on the side of the road." And anyone with an earworm at week's end can relate to this meme: "My parents hid my VBS CD. It's for the best."

For hungry young learners, snacks make an especially big impression. One excited preschooler shared that she enjoyed "juice and Billy Graham crackers" at VBS. Another boy raved about the first day, saying, "We heard stories and drew pictures. Then we went to play, and when we came inside, God had juice and cookies waiting for us!"



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**JULY 2022**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30a Men's Group
3 9:00 a Worship – online & in person	4  <b>Church office closed</b>	5	6	7 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall	8	9 7:30a Men's Group
10 <b>Mission Trip Report Sunday</b> 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Adult Sunday school	11 5:30p Missions Committee 7:00p Worship & Music Committee	12 5:00p Property Meeting	13 1:00p Youth Night 6:00p M&I Committee	14 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall 1:30p Elizabeth Circle – Fellowship Hall	15	16 7:30a Men's Group
17 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Adult Sunday school	18  5:00 – 8:00p – VBS →	19 6:00p Deacons	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall 2:00p FPC serves @ House of Compassion	22	23 7:30a Men's Group
24 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Adult Sunday school	25	26	27	28 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall	29	30 7:30a Men's Group
31 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Adult Sunday school						

# Puzzle!

Solve this cryptogram puzzle, using the clues R=I and M=T, to complete Psalm 111:10, NIV.

M Y L C L O Q Z C M Y L  
 P Z Q N R V M Y L  
 H L D R F F R F D Z C G R V N Z U ;  
 O P P G Y Z C Z P P Z G  
 Y R V B Q L T L B M V  
 Y O K L D Z Z N  
 J F N L Q V M O F N R F D  
 M Z Y R U H L P Z F D V  
 L M L Q F O P B Q O R V L

PSALM 111:10, NIV

Answer: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise. Psalm 111:10, NIV



# PUZZLE

## Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



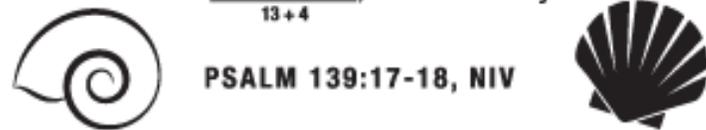
How  $13+10$  to me are your  $12+6$ , God!

How  $8+11$  is the  $10+3$  of them!

Were I to  $15+6$  them,

they would  $3+12$  the grains of  $4+18$

when I  $13+4$ , I am still with you.



PSALM 139:17-18, NIV

Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sun, count, outnumber, sand, awake