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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*.

May Memory Verse

“...Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)



Words of Wisdom from Pastor Bryan Kunz



RightNow Media

For the past few weeks the adult Sunday school class has been going through “The Tech-Wise Family” series. Previously, we studied “In Pursuit of Paul.” Both series have been great and both of them have been accessible to us through our RightNow Media subscription. The best part of this subscription is that it is available to all of our church members because the church pays for it.

RightNow offers a surprisingly wide range of video studies and lessons on all sorts of topics. They have sections dedicated to individual books of the Bible, topics on the Christian life, themed studies, and a section of kid’s Bible studies and shows. Many of these studies are from renowned Christian leaders and speakers and you can go on

the website and try them out and find something that works for you. If you missed a week of either of our recent classes, you can go back and watch them too.

The price we pay for this service is reasonable, but it really becomes worth it when you all are using it at home as well. These are fantastic resources that are free to you, so I would highly encourage you to check them out. If you are interested, send Michelle an email – church@fpcmarshalltown.org and she will send you an invite email that will allow you to make a username and password. It is not complicated at all, but if you have problems, we are happy to help you figure it out. Once you are on the website, we even have a church page where you can find links to the studies we have used and some other suggested studies that I have taught at other times or from teachers I trust. I hope you will take advantage of this great resource.

---Rev. Bryan Kunz



National Day of Prayer in Marshalltown

Please join the Church of Marshalltown as we gather as a body to celebrate God’s goodness through all that has challenged us the past three years.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5, 2022

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Cultural Center (Old Y)

Theme: Exalt the Lord who has established us.

Col. 2:6-7



Soundboard Bench Update



Over the years, we have added more and more capabilities to the Sanctuary audio/video (AV) system. The most recent addition was the ability to stream services during the pandemic. As a result, the workload has increased to where a single AV technician often cannot participate in worship while operating the equipment.

Last month, the property committee and the Session approved going forward with replacing the soundboard bench. The location of the bench will move forward by one pew, allowing the width of the work area to increase to accommodate two operators. The woodworking for the new bench will be done over several months and installed later this year.

You can view a 3-D model of the bench design here: <https://www.fpcmarshalltown.org/soundboard-bench>. The new location is also marked with tape on the floor.

If you have any questions about this project, don't hesitate to contact Steve Anderson.



Ashley Johnson shares the Easter story with the children during the Easter Eggstravaganza, April 7, 2022.



Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bobwhite's call and a young girls's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

---Catherine Marshall



...And if words cannot repay the debt we owe these men, surely with our actions we must strive to keep faith with them and with the vision that led them to battle and to final sacrifice.

—Ronald Reagan

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.

—John F. Kennedy



Recent Mission Blog Posts



You can catch up on these recent mission blog posts at

<https://www.fpcmarshalltown.org/blog>

- April 5 Lenten Activities
- April 12 MorningStar – Shawn & Nancy Paul in Honduras
- April 19 CWS helping Ukrainian refugees in Moldova
- April 26 Soles for Souls – shoes for people in need



Ham Jam is coming to First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Center St., **Sunday, May 1, 2022!** Join us for a **ham dinner** at 5:00 p.m., followed by a **hymn sing** led by Garry Rottink and the rest of the mission trip group at 6:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for

the youth mission trip to San Augustine, TX, June 11-18.





Circle News

Elizabeth Circle will meet in the Lower Lounge of the church on **Thursday, May 12th** at **1:30 p.m.**

Sarah Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 16th** at **9:15 a.m.** in the Lower Lounge of the church. Arlene Lange will serve as hostess, and Mary Hemming will give devotions. The anticipated program will be on human trafficking.

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



Volunteer Value

The Do Good Institute at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy, along with Independent Sector, estimated the national value of



an hour of volunteering at \$29.95 for 2021. They based this on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data. It represents an increase of 4.9% over 2020.

The information was released during National Volunteer Week in April to show the valuable contributions volunteers make to their communities. Nationwide, this marks a \$200 billion contribution. It is too soon to tell the full impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on volunteer hours, though 66% of volunteers either decreased the amount of time they contributed or stopped altogether, at least for now.

Thank you to all volunteers!



Wednesday Club

Twenty-four Wednesday Club children learned the Lord's Prayer and what each part of it means this spring. They also made prayer sandwiches to remind them of different things they should pray about and thank God for when they talk to God. The children shared what they learned with their parents during their program on April 27th. Four children received Bibles that day, and seven 4th graders "graduated" – three have been Wednesday Club kids since kindergarten and one since 1st



grade! We will miss them and wish them the best. About 65 people were there for the program and dinner. The

kids requested breakfast, so they had eggs, pancakes, and sausage with their families. God is good!

Thank you to the people who have made this ministry theirs by helping and supporting it in April: **Wynona Anderson, Matt Broshar, Jackie Hughes, Bryan Kunz, Terri Rottink, Bert Tice, Nancy Van Wyk, and Cindy Wise.** And **Abra Banissan, Jan Faber, Jackie Hughes, Barb McBride, and Amber Young,** snacks. And thank you to **M & I committee** for helping with the dinner.



If you want your children to listen, try talking softly to someone else.

—Ann Landers

Camp News



Lakeshore Center at Okoboji just announced Tyler Ames as their new Camp Director. He has eight years outdoor ministry experience and is working on his master's degree in Child, Youth and Family Ministries.

Tyler joins Program Director Theresa Schmidt in leading Lakeshore Center. Theresa was previously on summer staff from 2008-2014 and has over 12 years camp experience.

The camp brochure is available to browse on the bulletin board in the narthex. You may also go to www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.org and click on the "Summer Camp" tab to see what's available. Click through the pictures on that tab and see if you can find some familiar faces!

There is also information about Lake View Camp in Pella in the Narthex and on their website: <https://www.lakeviewconference.com/>

We want everyone to go to camp, so funding is available. Contact the office for a scholarship form. **Scholarship forms are due May 15, 2022.**

Attention 2022 High School & College Graduates



First Presbyterian Church would like to celebrate our graduates' achievements during the worship service on **Sunday, May 29th**.

If you have a graduate in your family in 2022 (including December 2021 grads), 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** (portrait style) picture to the church office **by Sunday, May 8th**. 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 Michelle Wilkinson at michelle@fpcmarshalltown.org or at 753-5929.

Name: _____

School: _____

Certificate/Degree (post high school): _____



It's a Boy!

Welcome, **Cooper John Knox**, son of John and Abby (Kremer) Knox, who was born Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Cooper weighed 7lbs. 11 oz. and was 19" long. He joins his excited big brothers Rhett, 4½, and Louie, 3, at home. Pat & Nancy Kremer are the proud grandparents of all three boys.



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

Our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of April: **Matt Broshar, Jackie Hughes, Rich King, Garry Rottink, and Bert Tice.**

---**Ashley Johnson, Amber Young and all their helpers** for the Easter Eggstravaganza event.
 ---**Wynona Anderson, Bonnie Bradbury, and Pastor Bryan** for decorating the church for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.
 ---**Matt Broshar, Jenny Buschbom, Reese Buschbom, Dave Freel, Craig Henze, Tedra Henze, Malory Henze, Chuck Hughes, Jackie Hughes, Tracy Ostrem, and Lee Wilkinson**, who

Financial Report for March

MARCH 2022	Actual
Total Receipts	\$31,360.00
Budget	28,589.00
Total Expenses	(\$24,783.00)
Budget	(29,308.00)
Year to Date:	
Total Receipts	\$94,399.00
Budget	95,333.00
Difference	(934.00)
Total Expenses	(\$89,248.00)
Budget	(106,365.00)
Difference	17,117.00



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.



God is active in your life every minute of every day. He is the breath we breathe. Where have you seen him?

- He made a way for safety
- Answered prayers
- A warm day
- Birds singing
- Healing
- The choir singing on Maundy Thursday
- Family home for Easter
- Flowers!
- Green grass
- Encouragement

prepared and served the delicious Easter breakfast.
---**Steve Anderson, Dave Freel, and Pastor Bryan** for hauling broken furniture and junk to the landfill.

Thank you to the deacons for bringing me such gorgeous flowers, and to all who called, prayed, and sent cards. Thank you to Pastor Bryan, too, for all you did. You were all so wonderful to me and Loren. I'm so grateful.

---**Betty Jacobs**

Thank you so much for the memorial gift.

---**The family of Loren Vogt**

Thank you to the congregation for remembering me with flowers from the altar! I love flowers and I appreciate them so much.

--- **Hoke Farr**

Thank you to all the well-wishers and people who sent cards and called. I greatly, greatly appreciated it all. I'm getting excellent care here, but I will need to spend the summer in Arizona to heal.

---**Audrey Bailey**



Teacher Appreciation Week



Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2 – 6, 2022. Where would you be without all the teachers in your life? Thank you, teachers!



National Day of Prayer

May 5, 2022, is National Day of Prayer. Information on the local observance is on page 1. Here are some thoughts about prayer:

Becoming angry is quite easy. The difficult part, as Aristotle observed, is “to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose and in the right way.” That, he added, “is not within everybody’s power.”

But with God’s power — and prayer — we can resist the pull of anger. Use these Scripture-inspired words: “Teach us, O God, how to keep our cool when provoked, exercising patience and self-control so we can think wisely and creatively about how to handle stress calmly, after the heat of the moment has passed. Help us choose our associates wisely, avoiding those who are hot-tempered and easily angered. Help us choose your way of handling anger, rather than our own, so we might conquer harmful impulses by doing good. In the name of Christ, who showed us how to use anger for good rather than evil. Amen.”

As summer approaches, you may look forward to a more relaxed routine. But don’t discard all your good habits and commitments! For soul care, try fixed hours of prayer. Simply expand the concept of praying at set times (such as before meals and bed) into praying regularly each morning, midday and evening. Set an alarm on your watch or phone and commit to engaging with God at the specified times. You can do this on your own or with family or friends.

You can pray using Scripture verses, devotional guides, the *Book of Common Prayer* or a resource such as *ExploreFaith.org*. (When I’m tired or overwhelmed, it’s helpful to pray someone else’s words.) You might want to pray the same prayers morning, noon and evening for a week or a month. This practice isn’t meant to replace spontaneous prayers. Instead, use fixed hours of prayer to nurture a consistent habit of conversing with God.

---Janna Firestone



The Emergency Food Box



The Emergency Food Box 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 (107 N 1st St) Monday through Thursday afternoon, 1:30 to 4:30. 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 753-2801.



A Mother's Day hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
Earth prospers from the way
God "mothers" each new child into
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
A channel from above
That longs to share with every child
God's comfort, grace and love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
Who "mothers" us from birth!
Providing what we truly need
Throughout our lives on earth.
—Peggy Ferrell



My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.

---Mark Twain

I cannot tell you how much I owe to the solemn word of my good mother.
---Charles Spurgeon

Grown don't mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger, older, but grown. In my heart it don't mean a thing.
---Toni Morrison

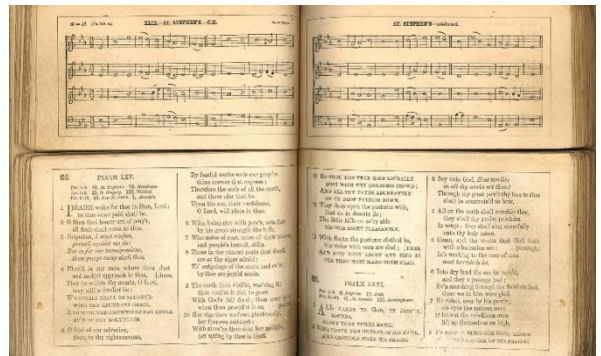
There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.
---Jill Churchill



Learning to Sing: Presbyterian Hymnals and Psalters

The Presbyterian Historical Society has an online exhibit of early church hymnals and psalters. In the early days of the North American church, individual churches sang, or not, based on their own preferences, and there was no "official" hymnal. Many of the psalters contained no music, since the worshippers "sang" them all in the same rhythm or meter.

Some churches used something called a split-leaf psalter, which is a book split across the middle. The music was printed on the top half with the psalms on the bottom. Different tunes could then be sang with different psalms, depending on the desire of the worship leader.



Split-leaf psalter - *The Book of Psalms and Sacred Harmonies with the Words Printed for Expressive Singing.* London: T. Nelson and Sons, 1862.

Various Presbyterian denominations in America sanctioned their first hymnals at different times. The first came in 1819, but many congregations continued singing the psalms alone until after the Civil War, with the United Presbyterian Church in North America not publishing a hymnal until 1927.

To learn more about early hymnals and music education in the church, you can view the online exhibit here:
<https://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/exhibits/psalms-david-page-1>

---Michelle Wilkinson

APRIL SESSION ACTIONS



The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown met via Zoom, April 19, 2022.

Moderator Rev. Bryan Kunz opened the Session meeting at 7:03 p.m. and Amy Drummer presented the devotions and prayer.

There was a quorum in attendance.

Motion prevailed to approve the March 15, 2022, Session minutes.

Search team: Pastor Bryan reported they interviewed another candidate and have another one who just started the process.

Pastor's report: Pastor Bryan reported this has been a busy month with three funerals and helping some people with significant needs. Easter services went well.

Finances: Matt Broshar reported March was a good month with giving above target. Steve Anderson reported on the memorial fund committee's work. They are working through ways to track designated memorial funds and combine some categories so the funds can be used.

Mission/Evangelism: Amy Drummer referred people to the written report.

Worship & Music: There were 122 for communion this month.

Christian Ed: Angie Pietig said committee is working on VBS. There will be no Sunday school this summer. The last Sunday school will be May 15.

A & P: Terry Buzbee said the committee will report on Pastor Bryan's performance review at the May meeting, along with an investment committee report.

Membership & Involvement: Pastor Bryan said the committee will be helping with the HamJam on May 1st and will be serving breakfast May 22nd. They will also be helping with the Wednesday Club dinner April 27th.

Property: Pat Hemming said Steve Anderson is working on the soundboard project and he will be fixing the kitchen sink now that the parts are in. The committee will be looking at pricing for exterior lighting.

Ashley Johnson will present the devotions for the May 2022 Session meeting.

Motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting following prayer at 7:35 p.m.



Some Date Night fun!
Thank you for your support of the Mission Trip!



Members in mission making a difference.
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May 2022 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Bill Hewlett Lee Wilkinson	2 Steve Irvine Connie Jensen	3	4 Suzanne Brown Ryan Grabau Haley Reed	5 Nicholas Cooper Jason Strand	6 Abby Kremer- Knox	7
8 Ryan Butler Isaac Young	9 Jean Abbas	10	11	12 Janeen Boliver	13 Doug Butler Mike Gerbo Larry Watkins	14 Lori Adams Ryan Flack
15	16	17	18 Jeff Drummer	19	20 Tracy Ostrem Becky Sharpshair	21 Jim Avise Marilyn Edsall Shirley Egli Patrick Hala
22 Claire Meyer	23	24	25 Joyce Anderegg	26 Adam Podhajsky	27 Meg Sponseller	28
29 Pat Hemming	30 Leanne Kilker Bryan Kunz	31 Kyle Young				



Reminder:

- May 1 – HamJam mission trip fundraiser
- May 5 – National Day of Prayer
- May 8 – Mother’s Day
- May 17 – Deacons**
- May 17 – Session**
- May 21 – Armed Forces Day
- May 22 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 22 – Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- May 26 – Ascension Day
- May 29 – Graduate Sunday
- May 30 – Memorial Day



Newsletter deadline with JUNE 2022 information is due Friday, May 20, 2022, for anyone wanting to submit an article.

Role	SUNDAY SERVANTS				
	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Worship Leader	Craig Henze	Bill Eilers			
Greeters	Chuck & Karen Colwell	Bill Eilers			
Fellowship Hosts	Barb & Dick McBride		Diane Broshar	BREAKFAST	
Cup Washers	Michelle Wilkinson		Diane Broshar	BREAKFAST	
Donuts	Doug & Margaret Cooper	Jack & Pat Stickfort		BREAKFAST	
Nursery	Terri Rottink & Deb Williams	& Deb Williams	Larissa Kunz & Deb Williams	& Deb Williams	
Flowers	Mick DuBois	Richie & Michelle Ritter	Diane Welch	Orlyn & Doris Langenbau	
Deacons	Jackie Hughes & Bert Tice	Doug & Jinita Boyd & Ruth Feld	Brenda Miller & Carole Permar	Barb McBride & Terri Rottink	Paul & Karin Podhajsky
Usher Teams	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY
Team Captain	Terry Buzbee & Larry Schrum	Stan & Nancy VanWyk	Roger & Karen Schoell	Josh Grosvenor & Andy Randall	Dick & Barb McBride
Ushers	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
Usher Alternates (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

Confirmed in the Faith

Confirmation, a rite many churches celebrate each spring, has biblical roots. In Acts 8, Peter and John are sent to lay their hands on new believers and pray for them to receive the Holy Spirit. In the early church, new Christians — usually adult converts — received baptism and confirmation as one ceremony. As more children were brought for baptism, pastors and priests would baptize, but only bishops would “confirm” a baptism, or make it official. Thus, the baptized were granted full membership in the church through confirmation.

Now confirmation allows young people, often after intensive Christian education, to profess for themselves the faith into which they were baptized. Confirmation serves as an important faith milestone, as young adults purposefully embrace a life of discipleship.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 a Worship – online & in person 10:15a Sunday School 5:00p HamJam dinner 6:00p HamJam hymn sing	2 6:30p Worship & Music Committee 7:30p Missions Committee	3	4 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	5 	6	7 7:30a Men's Group
8 Mother's Day 9:00 a Worship – online & in person 10:15a Sunday School 5:30p Youth Night 5:30p HS Youth Group	9 6:00p CE Committee	10 5:00p Property Meeting	11 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	12 8:30a Flapjacks – LL 1:30p Elizabeth Circle – LL	13	14 7:30a Men's Group
15 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a Sunday School 5:30p Youth Night 5:30p HS Youth Group	16	17 9:15a Sarah Circle 6:00p Deacons 7:00p Session	18 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	19 8:30a Flapjacks - LL 2:00p FPC serves @ House of Compassion	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 7:30a Men's Group
22 9:00 a Worship – online & in person 10:15a BREAKFAST 5:30p Youth Night 5:30p HS Youth Group	23	24	25 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Choir	26 8:30a Flapjacks - LL	27	28 7:30a Men's Group
29 9:00 a Worship – online & in person	30 	31				