



The Good News of First Presbyterian Church

Marshalltown, Iowa
641-753-5929

Volume 87, No. 8
August 30, 2022

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*.

September Memory Verse

“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

Words of Wisdom from Pastor Bryan Kunz



And the Triune God of Grace

In seminary I was required to read a book called *Worship, Community, and the Triune God of Grace* by J.B. Torrance. Truthfully, I no longer really remember the

contents of the book, but that title has stuck with me through the years because I think you could put almost any two related things in the first two spots and have a practical theology book - “Animals, Eating, and the Triune God of Grace” or “Soccer, Sportsmanship, and the Triune God of Grace”.

Really, pastoring (and the Christian life) comes down to practical theology like this. We are called to constantly ask how the situations we encounter relate to the triune God and the grace he shows us. God is at work in all of these things and as Paul commands us, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” We quote this often, but we forget that it comes in the context of Paul writing to the Corinthian church about whether or not they should eat food that has

been sacrificed to idols. I think you could rename this section “Idols, Food, and the Triune God of Grace” because Paul is asking that question – how does the grace of the triune God relate to whether or not the Corinthians can eat this meat? Paul considers that question carefully from the implications for the individual to the community and tells the Corinthians the factors they should consider as they make their decision on how to live and glorify God by their actions. He brings it all back to God’s providence and the grace he offers us. He gives us a great example of practical theology.

How would you fill those blanks right now? What are the things you need to hold up to the light of the gospel and ask, “how does God’s call and God’s grace teach me to live in this?” Maybe it is “Retirement, Grandparenting, and the Triune God of Grace” or “T-ball, Parenting, and the Triune God of Grace.” However you fill those blanks, know that the triune God of grace is in these things with you.

---Rev. Bryan Kunz

Lower Lounge Update

The Lower Lounge project is underway. The waterproofing is complete, and Kurt Lynch has completed the drywall. Strands has been out to look at the space. If you have questions about the project, ask any member of the property committee.



---Property Committee



Missions News



The Missions & Evangelism committee met August 1st this month with much to discuss.

Chad Hammar from the House of Compassion will be attending our meeting next month to tell us more about the mission of HOC.

The Blessing Bags are completed, thank you all for your donations! And thank you to the youth for assembling the bags. We have about 65 bags ready to give out to the community.

If you are interested in touring or volunteering at Orphan Grain Train, they are an incredible group in Clemons Iowa, using the former Clemons Lutheran School building. Their hours are 8am to noon on Tuesdays, and they do take a coffee break! We encourage you to check out their mission and see all they are doing.

The committee is working on organizing a couple of fall mini missions locally, stay tuned! Meetings continue in the community looking to help sponsor Ukrainian families, if this is something you are interested in, please contact a member of the committee and we can get you in contact with someone.

Our church family is amazing! Thank you all for your continued generosity.

---Amy Drummer

Missions and Evangelism Committee Chair



Game Night Planned



The Membership and Involvement Committee is planning a game night for all ages on Sunday, October 30.

There will be food and games at different tables. Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun!



Faith walking in the dark with God only prays him to clasp its hand more closely, does not even ask him for the lifting of the darkness.

—Phillips Brooks



All-Church Picnic

The all-church picnic was held Sunday, August 7, 2022, at Kauffman Park in State Center. Over 75 people attended. By all accounts it was a great time. The food was good, the games were fun, the kids had a blast at the splash pad, and most importantly, the fellowship was wonderful. The M & I committee is planning to have another picnic next year. Below are some pictures of the day.



Recent Mission Blog Posts

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

- August 2 Bible Project & YouVersion Bible app
- August 9 ChildVoice Update
- August 16 Carissa King in Guatemala
- August 23 Carissa King in Guatemala, Part 2
- August 30 Lori Adams/LIFT event





Recipe FROM THE VBS Kitchen

VBS Corn Casserole

The corn casserole was a hit at VBS this summer. Lavonne Watkins shared the recipe if you'd like to try it at home:

- 2 c. sour cream
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 c. sugar
- 1 c. melted butter (2 sticks) cooled
- 2 cans creamed corn
- 2 cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 boxes Jiffy corn mix
- grated cheddar cheese for the topping, if desired

Mix the sour cream, eggs, sugar and melted butter together till blended.

Add the creamed corn and the drained whole kernel corn and mix. Add the Jiffy corn mix and mix well.

Pour into a greased or sprayed 9x13 inch pan or glass baking dish. Bake at 350° for 45-55 minutes until the center is set and doesn't jiggle. Remove from the oven and spread grated cheese over the top. Put it back into the oven for another 5 minutes to melt the cheese.

Serve soon, as the cheese tends to firm up as it cools.

If using a glass baking dish, be sure it is at least a 9x13 inch as this will fill it quite full and it tends to rise as it bakes. You can halve the recipe and use the 9x13 inch pan but will need to reduce the baking time.



Parent-church partnership

“Let no Christian parents fall into the delusion that Sunday school is intended to ease them of their personal duties,” said 19th-century British preacher Charles H. Spurgeon. “The first and most natural condition of things is for Christian parents to train up their own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”

Studies show that parents are their kids' strongest influencers in faith matters. Dr. Christian Smith, director of the influential *National Study of*

Youth and Religion, wrote: “In most cases, parents are the most important Christian pastors teenagers will ever have — for better or worse.” The sense of separateness between home and church, he said, “must be replaced by a more cooperative, integrated, comprehensive approach to the faith formation of young people.”



Circle News

Elizabeth Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall of the church on **Thursday, September 8th at 1:30 p.m.**

Sarah Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 9:15 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. They will be enjoying fellowship and catching up.



Flapjacks meets **every Thursday at 8:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.



God is a busy worker, but he loves help.
—Basque proverb



The beautiful thing about learning is nobody can take it away from you.
—B.B. King



Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.
—Anthony J. D'Angelo



Be sure to keep your pledge up to date by mailing your donations to First Presbyterian Church, 101 S. Center St., Marshalltown, Iowa 50158.



It only takes a spark



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.

—William Arthur Ward



Camp Report Sunday

First Presbyterian Church was blessed to send 14 children to church camp this summer. On August 14, 2022, ten of them shared their camp experiences and what they learned about God while there. They also sang a camp song for the congregation. While they had different experiences and favorite activities, they all agreed camp was fun and kids should go to camp next summer. Thank you for helping the children go to camp by supporting the church's camp scholarships.



God tells us who he is in the Bible. He shows us who he is in the blessings he so lavishly gives us. If we ask him to open our eyes to them, we will see them everywhere:

- The children sharing their camp experiences
- Fellowship at the church picnic
- Rain
- People helping others
- The skill of construction workers



Our faithful workers at the House of Compassion during the month of August: **Diane Broshar, Matt Broshar and Rich King.** And to **Jim Grimmus** for being a big help with contractors on the Lower Lounge waterproofing project.



Thanks to everyone who has called, sent cards, prayed, or sent delicious food to us during my recent hip surgery event. I'm doing great, in fact I am told I have to slow down on my activity level to let my body catch up with my desire to move. You can pray that I have an abundance of common sense and patience moving forward.

---Jean Bower



I just wanted to say thank you for the volunteers who worked really hard for the church picnic. All of you are appreciated.... And thank you for all the help with packing and moving me to the Veterans Home.

---Bill Eilers



Thank you to Pastor Bryan, Wynona Anderson, Steve Anderson, and the others on the tech team [Diane Broshar and Bill Lawyer]. I joined remotely again this morning and was so moved by your worship there.

---Roger Anders



I greatly appreciate all the cards people sent me. They warmed my heart to no end! Thank you so much.

---Audrey Bailey



Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity. God is really working here in Rhode Island, and I wouldn't be able to be a part of it without your help. Please continue to pray for soft hearts ready to hear the Gospel, especially on the college campuses. Thank you again for your support.

---Jen Davis



The Emergency Food Box



The Emergency Food Box is 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 1st 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.



AUGUST SESSION ACTIONS



The Stated Session meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Marshalltown met in the Fellowship Hall, August 2, 2022.

Moderator Rev. Bryan Kunz opened the Session meeting at 7:03 p.m. He also prayed and Greg Brown presented the devotions at the end of the meeting.

There was a quorum in attendance.

Motion prevailed to approve the June 28, 2022, Session minutes.

Search team: Pastor Bryan reported the committee will meet next week to review the process and the position.

Pastor's report: Pastor Bryan reported the forward-thinking committee is meeting and reviewing past self-studies and Marshalltown's demographics. He is catching up on visiting and working with committees to get fall activities going again.

Finances: Matt Broshar reported there was positive cash flow in June and giving was above

target. Steve Anderson reported the ad hoc memorial committee's recommendations, and after discussion **motion to establish** a committee to manage memorials and special gifts **carried. Motion to pay** Matt Broshar an additional ten hours per month for six months, renewable, was **approved.**

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

Worship & Music: There were 101 for communion in June.

Christian Ed: Pastor Bryan reported VBS went very well due to the hard work of the CE committee. Please thank them when you see them. They are tired and now working on fall activities and Sunday school.

A & P: No report

Membership & Involvement: Dave Freel reminded everyone that the all-church picnic is this Sunday.

Property: Pat Hemming reported with a second sump pump the bid on the Lower Lounge waterproofing work from Foundation Recovery Systems is \$22,811. Kurt Lynch will do the finish work which is not included in the bid; neither is the electrical work for the sump pumps. We have the funds to cover this. **Motion to spend** \$28,000 plus electrical and finishing work required **passed.**

Other: Pastor Bryan started a discussion on large item spending approval. This mostly affects property committee, and they have used their funds well, but some guidelines are prudent. **Motion that committees have spending authority** up to \$20,000 per project, with any spending above that requiring Session approval was **approved.**

Doug Cooper will present the devotions for the September 2022 Session meeting.

Motion prevailed to adjourn the meeting following prayer at 8:49 p.m.

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.
Church office phone: 641-753-5929
Web Site www.fpcmarshalltown.org
Email Church at church@fpcmarshalltown.org
Pastor at bryan@fpcmarshalltown.org
Office Mgr./Editor at church@fpcmarshalltown.org

September 2022 Birthday/Prayer Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SEPTEMBER <small>2022</small>	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Praying for each other brings us closer together. Please pray each day for those listed. </div>			1 Jinita Boyd Sue Turbiville	2 James Reed	3 Matt Tullis
4 Char McGrew	5 Bill Eilers	6	7 Kelsey McKibben Jim Mosher Cary Nason	8 Irene Sheeler Steve Strand	9	10 Bea Lebuda
11	12	13	14 Rose Muschick	15 Quinn Flack Bryce King	16	17
18 Hank Bradbury Rose Elsbecker Barb Hawkins	19 Julie Batterson Karin Podhajsky Naysa Rottink Cathy VanStaalduine	20 Dick McBride	21 Reese Buschbom Madelyn Irvine	22 Joan Gerbo Jim Grimmus Case Hegeman	23	24
25 David Butler Esme Kunz Ross Turbiville	26 Margaret Meyer	27 Laura Johnson	28 Diane Oleson Blake Ostrem	29	30	

LABOR DAY HUMOR:

- My first job was in an orange juice factory. I got canned because I couldn't concentrate.
- When I couldn't hack it as a lumberjack, I got the ax.
- I wasn't suited to being a tailor.
- Working in the muffler factory was too exhausting.
- I was a banker ... until I lost interest.
- I realized there was no future in being a historian.
- Any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard at the deli.
- I studied to become a doctor but had no patients.
- My job at the coffee shop was always the same old grind.
- When I worked as a plumber, the tasks were too draining.
- I was hired at a gym but wasn't fit for the job.
- Finally, I got a job at a bakery; I kneaded dough!

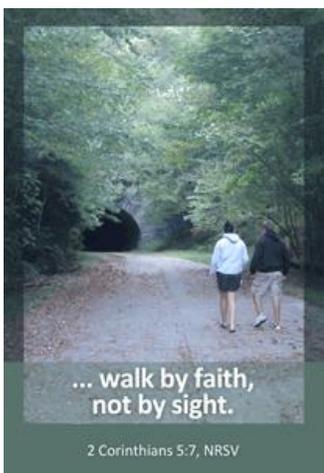
Reminder:
Sept. 5 – Labor Day
Sept. 11 – Sunday School & Youth Activities start
Sept. 11 – Hymn Sing
Sept. 20 – Deacons
Sept. 20 – Session



Newsletter deadline with OCTOBER 2022 information is Tuesday, September 20, 2022, for anyone wanting to submit an article.

Role	SUNDAY SERVANTS				
	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	
Worship Leader	Craig Henze	Bethany Wirin	Dave Beckmann	Matt Tullis	
Greeters	Bill Eilers	Bill Eilers	Roger & Karen Schoell	Chuck & Karen Colwell	
Fellowship Hosts	Don & Ruth Feld	Greg & Suzanne Brown	Matt & Mindy Tullis		
Cup Washers	Barb & Dick McBride	Greg & Suzanne Brown		Michelle Wilkinson	
Donuts	Roger & Karen Schoell	Marlene Snyder	Greg & Suzanne Brown	Pat & Nancy Kremer	
Nursery	Larissa Kunz & Deb Williams	Michelle Wilkinson & Deb Williams	& Deb Williams	& Deb Williams	
Flowers	Mick DuBois	Greg & Suzanne Brown	Kauffman Family	Pat & Nancy Kremer	
Deacons	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 Grimmus LaVern Paul Lee Wilkinson	Craig Henze Harlan Quick

Ways to walk



If you think walking is boring or repetitive, read *52 Ways to Walk*. Author Annabel Streets shares dozens of variations on this healthy pastime. From walking in the cold or at altitude to walking along a river or barefoot (or even backward!), each technique offers different benefits and new perspectives. Other ideas include a sensory walk, a silent walk, a foraging walk and singing while strolling. As Christians know, walking can be a great time to connect with God in prayer too.

Scripture speaks often about our spiritual walk: We are to walk “faithfully” with God (Genesis 5:24, NIV), walk “in all his ways” (Joshua 22:5, NRSV), walk “humbly” with God (Micah 6:8), walk “while you have the light” (John 12:35), walk while praising God (Acts 3:8), walk “by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7), walk “by the Spirit” (Galatians 5:16) and walk “in the same way” as Jesus walked (1 John 2:6, NRSV).

As we walk — even through dark valleys — we’re never alone. God promises, “I will walk among you and be your God” (Leviticus 26:12, NIV).

—Stephanie Martin

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall	2	3 7:30a Men's Group
4 9:00 a Worship – online & in person 10:15a – Fellowship Time	5 	6 5:30p Missions Committee 7:00p Worship & Music Committee	7 5:30p M&I Committee	8 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall 1:30p Elizabeth Circle Fellowship Hall	9	10 7:30a Men's Group
11 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Sunday school All ages 6:00p – Hymn Sing 6:00p – Youth Night & HS Youth Group	12	13 5:30p Property Committee	14	15 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall 2:00p FPC serves @ House of Compassion	16	17 7:30a Men's Group
18 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Sunday school All ages 6:00p – Youth Night & HS Youth Group	19	20 6:00 Deacons 7:00p Session Newsletter Articles Due	21	22 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall	23	24 7:30a Men's Group
25 9:00 a Worship - online & in person 10:15a – Sunday school All ages 6:00p – Youth Night & HS Youth Group	26	27	28	29 8:30a Flapjacks – Fellowship Hall	30	