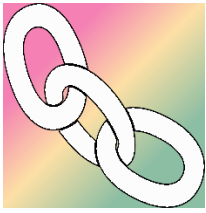


# First Presbyterian Church

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## Connections



April 2026



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### Pastor's Thoughts

Winter 1776 was a time of need in the colonies, considering Philadelphia and the entire rebel American cause were on the verge of death and the revolution was still viewed as an unsteady prospect. Thomas Paine, a scholar, philosopher and politician, wanted to enable the distraught patriots to stand, to persevere, and to fight for an American victory. Paine published the first *American Crisis* paper on December 19, 1776. Its opening sentence was adopted as the watchword of the movement. The opening line is as follows: "These are the times that try men's souls."

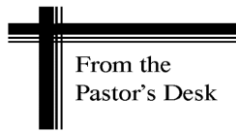
I find the urgency and concern Paine felt in 1776 may not be dissimilar to what many are feeling today. I utter these words when considering what people of faith must confront in a very seductive, over-stimulated, ego-centric, self-aggrandizing culture. This is a culture awash with leaders behaving and carrying out their responsibilities with the intention of enhancing their power, wealth, position, and reputation. They are boastful, often in disregard of the truth. Republicans demonize Democrats, insinuating they are the handmaidens of the devil and enemies of America. Without missing a beat, the Democrats accuse the Republicans of being brutally cruel and hate-filled, devoid of empathy or compassion and intolerant of anyone who is different than themselves. They accuse the Republicans of wanting an America that is white, Anglo-Saxon, protestant (preferably evangelical), straight and English speaking. All of them stress loyalty to a party as quintessential.

To Spirit-led disciples of Jesus Christ who hold allegiance to Christ the ultimate loyalty, whose blueprint for living is the gospel of Jesus Christ, and whose central purpose is to bring the world together by promoting reconciliation, and unity in Christ, we find ourselves living Paine's words: These are indeed times that vex our souls.

The question every single one of us faces is simple but challenging and fraught with temptation. That question is, how do sincere people of faith handle living in such a world? How does one live in this time and culture, be a good citizen and at the same time live with the desire to live out the gospel? To whom shall a Christian give their allegiance? This challenge was captured in the words spoken by Christ to the Pharisees. He said, "Give to Ceasar what is Ceasar's and give to God what is God's." Not a simple thing to do. We wrestle with what is called truth. What do you do when your leaders advocate that which is antithetical to the teachings of Jesus and calls it truth? This is why these are times that try our souls.

Each person must determine which or what truth is predominate and then have the courage and honesty to live by that truth. These are indeed times that try our souls and we can't always walk around "The elephants" positioned in the center of the room. I am reminded of what Joshua said to the Hebrews after crossing into the Promised Land: *if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*" These are the times that try our souls and force us to make difficult and complicated decisions. But as for me, my loyalty is to the truth of Scripture and the gospel of Christ. That is my measuring stick against which everything must be measured. My loyalty is first and foremost to Jesus and I must live out the gospel, no matter what anyone else might say.





## April Sermon

We begin the month on the highest note of the Christian year: “Christ is Risen!” “He has risen indeed!” When you begin on the mountaintop with such a victorious declaration, what’s left? What’s the encore? It wasn’t all that many years ago that on Palm Sunday the church would be two-thirds full and a week later, Easter, it was full to over-flowing. Sadly, the following Sunday after Easter found attendance back to where it had been before Lent. What the people who didn’t return the Sunday following Easter didn’t realize or appreciate is that Easter is only the beginning of the story of God transforming the world. It signals the start of the exciting story of how the amazing resurrection of Jesus Christ, fueled by the Holy Spirit, begins the contagious need of those who believe in the ridiculousness of a man being raised from the dead, to tell that story over and over again in their own simple everyday words and life experiences and watch as people become intoxicated with the love of God in Christ. What happens after Easter is an amazing story of one transformation after another. That resurrection ignited a worldwide movement that has been sustained through centuries of challenges to today. Easter isn’t just a testimony to what God DID on the cross in Jerusalem in the first century A.D., but of what God IS DOING right here right now through ordinary believers like you and me. That amazing story includes turning Saul inside out and upside down; from being a persecutor of Christians to building up the community of faith and advancing the kingdom of God. This phenomenal story began with a handful of disciples to people all over the world who sacrifice daily even to the point of dying in order to share the life changing story of Jesus Christ. This church’s mission support of the Trese family is a perfect example. If they are caught writing or speaking the name Jesus it could mean imprisonment or worse. That is 2026!

The messages of April will focus on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus; to what happened to those who were confused and mystified; those grieving the death of their hope for the world; those who were hoping beyond hope that they had not believed in vain. We’ll start out with Thomas who is called the Doubter and move on to the two men who were walking home on the Emmaus Road after the shocking events in Jerusalem, and conclude with three disciples who have returned to their life “before Jesus” and have an unexpected early morning breakfast guest.

These three events are but the tip of an iceberg of new and promising life, of victory over unbelievable odds, of renewal and transformation that can be seen in the lives and on the faces of people who sit around you every week who have been reclaimed and made new through Jesus Christ. Easter is the beginning, not the end, of the most amazing story ever told.

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday in the Sanctuary Communion

Texts: John 12:20-33

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Title: "To Dream the Impossible Dream"

Video: "From Darkness to Dawn"

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Worship in Chapel Randy Webster, Worship Leader

Text: John 20:24-31

Title: The Preacher's Choice

Video: "Jesus Reigns"

Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> Worship in Chapel

Text: Luke 24:13-35

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Title: "Telling Ghost Stories in Church"

Video: "Our Risen Savior Road to Emmaus"

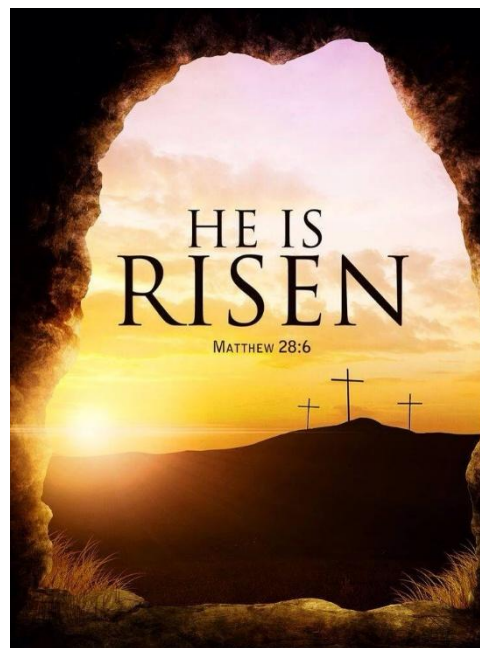
Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> Worship in Chapel

Text: John 21:1-14

Psalm 30

Title: "Elvis Has Left the Building"

Video: "Encounter Jesus"



## Park in the Lot ... Take the Shuttle

What do they say, when life hands you lemons, make lemonade? Well, that is what we have chosen to do while the city has the streets in front of the church torn up replacing the sewers and sidewalks. We're unable to use the front doors of the church and have been worshipping in the Chapel instead of the sanctuary. With the sidewalks closed on both Washington and Fifth Streets, it has made getting into the church a bit more challenging. The hill on Fifth Street has been and continues to be a challenge. But we will not surrender! We want to encourage you to park in the parking lot on the west side of the church where there are plenty of spaces and it is level, and then use the shuttle we have provided to any and all who do not want to or cannot walk from there to the Chapel doors.

We are using a golf cart to ferry everyone from either Washington Street or the parking lot to the Fifth Street entrance before services begin and then back to your vehicles when services are over. Easter will find us worshipping in the sanctuary; however, the shuttle will still pick you up on Washington or in the parking lot. Once in the building, you will do what you ordinarily do, which is take the stairs or the lift up to the sanctuary to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Since we will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday beginning at 8:30 a.m., the shuttle will be operating so you can enjoy eating with your friends before going into worship.

Come to church ... have some fun ... ride the shuttle! Don't let the construction or the hill keep you from what you enjoy and need to do ... Praise the Lord!!!!



# Reflections

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So, he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. **But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.** And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'" (Luke 15:11-32)

As I prepare for the Great Three Days of Maundy Thursday-Good Friday- and Easter cycle I keep remembering the wonderful story of the Prodigal Son, and the underlying reason why Easter's piece of salvation story happened. Couched in this story that we have all heard so often is a story within the story, and hearing it always helps me approach this time of the church's life. I've bolded the section for you.

The son had asked for his half of the family inheritance which would only happen at the time of the father's death, the younger son declares his father dead. In Jewish culture this was simply not done. He squanders the family fortune among the Gentiles, and then, out of desperation, he returns to his father.

When the son returns, the father runs to greet him.

So, why did the father run? In Jewish culture adult men, especially of wealth or means, did not run, because it would require him to lift the hem of his robe and expose his legs, which would have been humiliating. The father runs — and shames himself— in an effort to get to his son before the community gets to him, so that his son does not experience the shame and humiliation of their taunting and rejection. If a Jewish son lost his inheritance among Gentiles, and then returned home, the community would perform a ceremony, called the kezazah. They would break a large pot in front of him and yell, “You are now cut off from your people!” The community would totally reject him. The village would have followed the running father, would have witnessed what took place at the edge of the village between father and son. After this emotional reuniting of the prodigal son with his father, it was clear that there would be no kezazah ceremony; there would be no rejecting this son — despite what he has done. The son had repented and returned to the father. The father had taken the full shame that should have fallen upon his son and clearly shows to the entire community that his son was welcome back home.

The giving of sandals also holds symbolic meaning. In ancient times, wearing sandals was a sign of freedom and belonging. Servants and slaves typically did not wear sandals. By giving his son sandals, the father was restoring him to his rightful place as a family member, with all the associated rights and privileges. This act signifies that the son is fully accepted back into the family, not as a servant or outsider but as a beloved son. Similarly, in biblical times, a signet ring functioned much like an official seal or a modern-day credit card, used to sign documents and guarantee the holder's commitments. It was a symbol of trust, authority, and financial power. Transferring a signet ring signified a transfer of authority and trust. When the father gives his returning son a ring, it symbolizes the son's restoration to his former status within the family. Despite the son's past actions, he is forgiven and reinstated with full authority and trust.

Even though we are poor sinners, through Jesus' death and resurrection we become God's adopted sons and daughters, and, in the sacrament of baptism, we die to sin and are given the gift of eternal life. God bestows on us both sandals and signet ring. This is the central theme of Easter. Thanks be to God!

As a young organ major in undergraduate school, I remember vividly the day when my teacher explained to me how we as organists make notes receive more emphasis. Unlike playing the piano, you cannot hit the keys any harder and receive any results. While we may maneuver the instrument mechanically through the use of swell shades (those louvered doors on the front of the organ case which work much like Venetian blinds), or by the adding or subtracting of stops, the way we make one note distinct from another, or more dramatic than another has

little to do with the actual playing of the note itself. In fact, no matter how you hit the keys of the organ, the sound doesn't change, unlike the piano. It has, rather, everything to do with the silence that precedes the note (and sometimes which also follows it.

For example, if I play several notes in a row that are the same pitch, using the same pipe, how does your ear tell you that the notes are different? It is the same pipe receiving a stream of air through it. The sole way that you can tell one note from another is the amount of silence that separates one from another. In order for one note to have more emphasis than those around it, it has to have a bigger silence preceding it.

That phenomena is much like our own spiritual lives. At our major celebrations, and the upcoming Easter celebration is the best example, we cannot possibly experience the "sound" of the Easter notes without the silence that comes before it. Can you actually experience a beautiful dawn without the darkness of night that precedes it? Is a special meal really special if all of our meals are feasts? I think not.

The Church is on the threshold of the yearly journey through the darkness. I do not believe that the glorious splendor of Easter is really all that glorious if we have not also entered into the dark silence of Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. We will have services in the Chapel on both of those nights at 5 pm, Maundy Thursday will also offer Holy Communion. Both afternoons you can also break bread with each other at 4 pm. Each of us needs to put away some of our individual "busyness" and center ourselves in the quiet of First Presbyterian Church during this very special and important time for us as Christians.

Each of us needs to be reminded of the importance of the sacrifice that God through Jesus Christ made for each of us in the events of Holy Week.

Come and join with us as we make our journey through the darkness, that we might truly see how gentle is the Lamb, and exclaim in unbridled joy "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Faithfully,

Randy+



# The Great Three Days

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Service in Edward's Chapel  
with Holy Communion at 5 pm

Supper precedes the service at 4 pm

Good Friday, Friday, April 3

Service in Edward's Chapel at 5 pm

Light supper precedes the service at 4 pm

Easter Day, Sunday, April 5

Festival service in the sanctuary  
with Holy Communion at 10 am

Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall precedes the service at 8:30 am



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## Easter Memorials

This Easter season you are invited to make gifts to the Polish the Jewel Campaign to remember loved ones or to give them in thanksgiving. Forms are located outside the office door for the information. Please either give them to Wendy in the office or place in the offering plates on Sunday. Easter Memorials will be published on Easter Day in the bulletin. Thank you!



# Trustee's Report

Total offering for January through February were \$22,283.09.

The Alliant bill for February was \$2,750.68. Down \$1,200.00 from January.

Doyle Ruble, Trustee President



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## Polish the Jewel Campaign

We have received the latest update of the cost to finish the restoration project of our Aeolian-Skinner pipe organ in the sanctuary, which is the re-leathering of the Swell Organ. The current estimate is \$81,454. The current balance in the Campaign Fund is \$9,606.95, leaving us \$71,847.05 to raise. Soon a thermometer chart will appear to help us keep track of the remaining balance to raise.

Keep a watch out for the next fundraising project!

Randy+

The new pipe organ for Edward's Chapel is almost ready to arrive, and will probably will come just after the Easter celebration. Keep watching for the next update!

Randy+

# One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

**One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is a special offering by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that provides aid to people in need worldwide through disaster relief, hunger alleviation, and community development programs.**

## **Purpose and Mission**

One Great Hour of Sharing is designed to serve the most vulnerable globally, offering support to individuals and communities lacking access to basic necessities such as food, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The offering embodies the church's commitment to sharing God's love and addressing systemic issues like poverty, oppression, and climate change.

## **Programs Supported**

OGHS funds three major programs:

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA):** Provides immediate and long-term support to communities affected by natural or human-caused disasters, including aid for refugees.

**Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP):** Works to alleviate hunger and address the systemic causes of poverty, ensuring fair access to food, land, water, and resources.

**Self-Development of People (SDOP):** Invests in communities affected by racism, oppression, and poverty, promoting empowerment and education for sustainable change.

Each program receives roughly 30% of the funds collected, ensuring a balanced approach to relief, development and advocacy.

## **Timing and Participation**

OGHS is typically received during Lent, often on Easter, as we will do this year, or Palm Sunday, though congregations may celebrate it at any time of the year. Congregations can contribute through the offering plate, by mailing checks, or online donations, designating gifts specially for OGHS.

## **Impact**

Through OGHS, Presbyterians collectively bring hope and healing to communities worldwide. The offering supports projects in over 100 countries, demonstrating the power of shared faith and generosity. It is the largest annual way Presbyterians unite in mission to make a tangible difference in the world.

# Thank You!

On behalf of the Burlington Chapter Board and the members of the Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra, we want to extend our thanks for opening your home to us to eat dinner before our performances in February and March. You have been included in our performance program listings. Your kindness to us will long be remembered.

Randy Lee Webster, Board member



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## Save the Date!

Organ Music for the Feast of Easter

Sunday, May 3 at 3 pm

Edward's Chapel of First Presbyterian Church

The Rev'd Randy Lee Webster, organist

Celebrating the new pipe organ in the Chapel



# Courageous Outreach

*The Christian Vocation is to bring all people into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and is our greatest calling. As a community of faith, our common life together bids us to be involved in the life of the community around us, which we call "Courageous Outreach." Please mark your calendars.*

**Saturday, April 11 at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary**

The Silver Singers present Joseph Martin's "*The Rose of Calvary*" for chorus and chamber orchestra

*Perhaps you are wondering how you can help. There are several easy ways that result in a huge help!*

*There are probably flyers for all these events. Actively search them out and help get them into the public's vision.*

*There are probably notices on Facebook on the church's site. Actively search them out and SHARE them. Liking is helpful, but sharing them is helpful times three.*

*Invite friends and neighbors. I know this gets scarier, but help us anyway. Press releases and flyers only go so far. This is a big step!*

*Try to attend and help to "host" the events. Let people know where Fellowship Hall is, where the bathrooms are, or get programs into the hands of guests.*



# Second Sunday Lunch

Second Sunday Lunch

Sunday, April 12 following the morning service

**“Spring arrives in Iowa”**

The luncheon is free, and your generous donations help to underwrite the costs.  
Thank you!



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## Easter Sunday Breakfast

Come join us on Easter Sunday for Breakfast! On Sunday, April 5, we will be serving Easter Sunday Breakfast at 8:30am, before Easter Worship in the Fellowship Hall!





# Sunday School



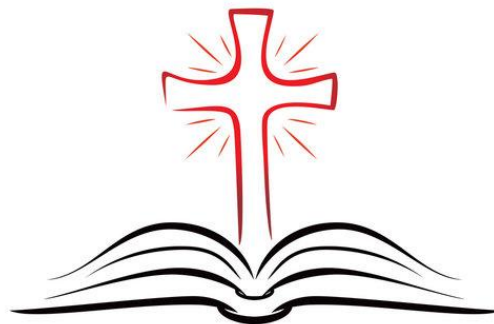
Youth Sunday School is held at 9:00am every Sunday morning downstairs in the lower level! Come learn all about Jesus with us!

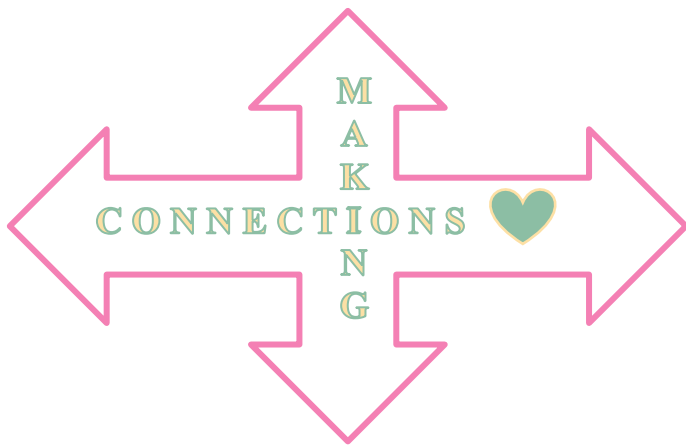


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## † Adult Education †

Adult Education is held at 9:00am on Sunday mornings! Come learn about the Bible with us! All are welcome!





**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

April Birthdays

- 01 - Janice Kemp
- 03 - Kenneth Logan
- 06 - Laura Mehaffy
- 11 - Kelle Haller
- 16 - Sally Bell
- 25 - Pat Saldeen



**Table for One**

Our April event will be held Wednesday, 4/1 @ 5:30p.m. @ Marcia Bailey's home @ 1007 Messiah Dr. Burlington, IA

**Yum-Yums**

News from Yum Yums. A group of 20 church members and friends enjoyed good food and fellowship at Happy Joe's on Wednesday, March 18! Those attending chose to go to Chuong Garden, located on Ninth St. in Ft. Madison, IA on Wednesday, April 15 @ 5:30pm. We will meet at 4:45pm in the parking lot of Fareway to carpool. If you have any questions, call or text Sandy Russell @ 319-572-6124

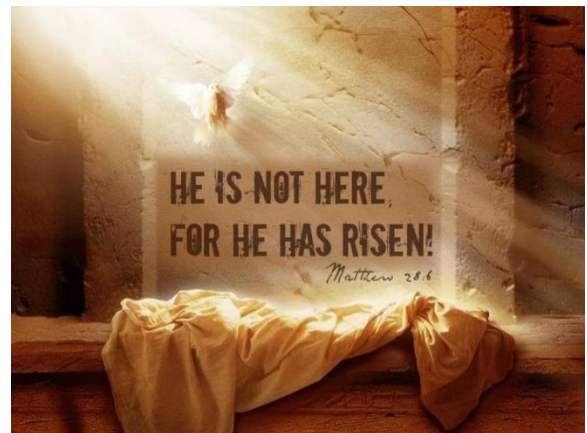
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Luncheon**

Sunday, April 12,  
following morning service!

**"Spring Arrives in Iowa!"**

**Please Join Us!**

Luncheon is free and gracious donations help to defray the cost and are much appreciated.



# Messages from the Deacons

## All Church Birthday Party!

All Church Birthday Party will be held after the service on Sunday, April 26! Please plan to join us for a lunch and, of course, cupcakes and ice cream! We encourage you to bring a gift or monetary gift to add to the Treasure Chest!



## Save the Date! Worship in the Park!

Worship in the Park this summer is being planned for Sunday, August 9 in Crapo Park! Save the Date!



# Spreading God's Love



Deacons, Wilma Hemphill and Carol Brotherson, visited Stephanie Elliott in February and delivered a Valentine and a pink & white prayer shawl. Stephanie shows her pleasure in receiving them as she displays the Valentine. The Youth Sunday School class, under the leadership of Millie Comiskey, made these beautiful Valentines and provided them for the congregation to share God's love. From hand-made cards, to lovingly-knitted prayer shawls, to preparing meals, we thank God for the many hands spreading His love.

Submitted by Carol Brotherson





A Thank You from Lou Harter

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the kind card and Prayer Shawl. Please know how much I like hearing from you and, also, know how much I thank and pray for you all. Please give a special hello to Sue Sattler, Jim & Patty French.

With my Love!  
Lou

A Thank You from Burlington Area Homeless Shelter

Dear First Presbyterian Church

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of bread items & hygiene/personal care items. We greatly appreciate your generosity & support!

Sincerely,  
Burlington Area Homeless Shelter

A Thank You from Burlington Area Homeless Shelter

Dear First Presbyterian Church

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of food items! We greatly appreciate your generosity & support!

Sincerely,  
Burlington Area Homeless Shelter

A Thank You from Sally Bell

I have deep appreciation for all of the cards and letters that you all have sent to me. I'm sorry I am not able to respond to all of them! Please keep sending them! It is a joy to receive them!

Love,  
Sally Bell

# KNITWITS

The Knitwits will meet at the church, **April 1, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.**

The group meet for about one hour and knit and/or crochet prayer shawls or lap throws. Do you know of someone who is low in spirits; has lost a loved one, companion or friend; has health issues; or just needs to know that they are loved and appreciated? Do you know of someone who is celebrating a joyous occasion such as a birthday or anniversary? The Church sanctuary has a variety of prayer shawls or lap throws; and they are FREE for the taking by anyone.

The Knitwits welcome anyone who would like to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

God's grace be upon you:

May this shawl be a sign of God's loving, healing presence.

May it warm you when you are weary

May it encourage you when you are discouraged.

May it assure you of God's care and comfort.

May it remind you that you are surrounded by the prayers of others.



# Shepherd's Table Menu

Shepherd's Table is on the last Wednesday of the month from 4:30pm-6:00pm  
hosted by First Congregational Church & First Presbyterian Church  
at 313 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Burlington, IA. This is a free meal.

Below is the menu for March - July 2026!



Red-Presbyterians  
Blue-Congregationalists

## April 29

Taco Salad

Fruit

Dessert

## May 27

Ham & Potato Casserole

Corn Casserole

Garden Salad

Dessert

## June 24

Sub Sandwiches

Pasta Salad

Watermelon

Cookies

## July 29

Pizza

Chips

Garden Salad

Cookies

# Announcements!



The office will be closed on Friday, April 3 and Monday, April 6 in observance of Good Friday and Easter.

Pastor Dick Johnson will be away on vacation from Monday, April 6 - Wednesday, April 15! There will be no Bible Study held on Wednesday, April 8 & April 15. Rev. Randy Lee Webster will be preaching on Sunday, April 12 in the Chapel!

Mission Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 1 at Noon.

Maundy Thursday will take place on Thursday, April 2 at 5:00pm in Edward's Chapel!

Good Friday will be held on Friday, April 3 at 5:00pm in Edward's Chapel!

Easter Sunday is on Sunday, April 5! Worship will start at 10:00am and will be held in the Sanctuary!

Easter Sunday Breakfast will start at 8:30am on Easter Sunday in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us!

The Silver Singers will present "The Rose of Calvary" on Saturday, April 11 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Yum Yums will be held on Wednesday, April 15 at 5:30pm at Chuong Garden, located on Ninth St. in Ft. Madison, IA. We will meet for carpool at 4:45pm in the parking lot of Fareway. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Russell.

Farmer's Market will take place on Thursday, April 16 from 4:30pm-6:00pm. If you or someone you know is struggling and in need of food, please come down and get a free bag of food.

Come celebrate Randy's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on Wednesday, April 22! Keep an eye out in your Sunday bulletins for more details!

Shepherd's Table will be held on Wednesday, April 29 from 4:30pm-6:00pm at First Congregational Church. Please see the previous page for what will be on the menu this month! This is a free meal and open to the public.

## Live Streaming our Worship Services

Can't make it to Sunday service? No problem! Every Sunday service is live streamed on Facebook! Please join us! Just go to Facebook on your phone, tablet, or computer and navigate to our Facebook page!

If you have not yet watched a Facebook service, or don't know how, locate Facebook on your phone, tablet or computer, search for First Presbyterian Church of Burlington, Iowa, and then sit back and enjoy. The weekly bulletin is being provided via e-mail so you can follow along and take part as you wish. Comments are appreciated.





# April 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>Office Hours</u></p> <p>M-W-F 1:30pm-4:30pm T-Th 9:00am-1:00pm</p>			<p>1 8:30am Bible Study <u>KnitWits</u> meets @ 10am</p> <p>Mission Mtg. @ Noon</p> <p><u>Table 4 One</u> meets @ 5:30pm @ Marcia Bailey's home</p>	<p>2 Session Meets @ 1pm</p> <p>Maundy Thursday @ 7pm</p> 	<p>3 Good Friday Office Closed</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">  Good Friday Service 5:00pm         </div>	4
<p>5 Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Adult Ed. 10:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>6 Office Closed In observance of Easter</p> <p><i>Pastor Johnson departs on vacation from 4/6 - 4/15</i></p>	<p>7</p>  <p>NATIONAL COFFEE CAKE DAY</p>	<p>8 No Bible Study</p>	9	10	<p>11 The Silver Singers Present "The Rose of Calvary" 3:00pm in the Sanctuary</p>
<p>12 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Adult Ed. 10:00 a.m. Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Luncheon</p>	13	14	<p>15 No Bible Study</p> <p><i>Yum Yums! @ Chuong Garden in Ft. Madison @ 5:30pm. Carpool meets @ 4:45pm @ Fareway</i></p>	<p>16 <u>Farmer's Market @ the Church</u> 4:30-6pm</p> <p><i>Pastor Johnson returns from vacation</i></p>	17	<p>18</p>  <p>RECORD STORE DAY APRIL 18, 2026</p>
<p>19 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Adult Ed. 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Deacon's Mtg.</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>Deadline For Connections</b></p>	<p>21</p>  <p>NATIONAL TEA DAY April 21</p>	<p>22 8:30am Bible Study</p> <p><i>Randy's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination Service. Time TBA</i></p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>SEISO Dinner in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>26 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Sunday School &amp; Adult Ed. 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>All Church Birthday Party</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>Trustees Mtg. @ 10am</p>	28	<p>29 8:30am Bible Study</p> <p><u>Shepherd's Table</u> 4:30pm-6pm</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>TODAY IS BUGS BUNNY DAY</p>		