

Life Together



The First Presbyterian Church
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Reaching out to our neighbor with open hearts;
sharing God's blessings with others.

All Are Welcome!

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It has been two and a half weeks since the derecho ripped through the Midwest. It left behind a tangled mess that left folks without power (for almost two weeks in Cedar Rapids) and destroyed homes, schools and businesses. Untangling the cluster of trees and powerlines and getting power back on has been a daunting and overwhelming task. In Cedar Rapids, caring for those who were in need has likewise been a huge task that required organized leaders and scores of volunteers. In the Morrison area, trees are still being cut up, roofs are being patched and insurance checks are being cashed to replace that which was destroyed.

Down at my place, we were lucky. My neighbor lost a few trees on his property, mostly in the cow pasture. On my property, we only lost part of one tree on the hillside that fell into the ditch, which promised me a good amount of firewood. As my firewood pile has grown small over the summer from bonfires, the new wood was quite welcomed.

But then, well, you know the saying, be careful of what you wish for??? A few days ago the state highway crew came through with their chainsaws. I asked if they would leave me the medium-sized limbs from the tree that had fallen at the

corner. The man I talked to said he would even drop it off wherever I wanted. I thought that was just great and so I showed him where to dump it in the driveway. Then I got in my car and drove to work.

When I got home, I found that they not only left me the medium-sized limbs, but they actually left me the whole tree. There, stacked in my driveway, are piles of 8-foot-long, 2.5-foot wide limbs as well as a 20-foot-long trunk of the maple tree. My emotions went quickly from, "Wow, that's going to be so much firewood!" to "Oh, my, how in the world am I going to tackle this?"

I started thinking about the lack of free time in my life. I started to think about how much of a novice I am at using a chainsaw. I went straight to feeling overwhelmed. To tame that, I got my chainsaw out and sharpened the chain. I went to make a cut and realized that maple is a really hard wood and that my chainsaw skills are really poor. I wore my chain out in no time and left defeated with having only cut off one chunk. I looked again at the giant pile and felt complete defeat. There is no way I can do this. And I'm stuck with it. Crud.

So, over the last few days, I've been working on faith and confidence. In the free time I can find, I have taken my chainsaw into our local dealer to have it checked out and had them show me how to properly put on a chain (did I mess it up last time?). So, I now have confidence in my saw. I talked with the greatest chainsaw master in Whiteside County, who happens to be a Morrison Presbyterian. He's helped me have confidence in being able to do it. I've been watching YouTube on how to properly saw. I'm working on figuring it out and getting excited to try to cut up the wood, but I still am fearful that my experience will be the same...my saw won't cut through it and the wood will lay there in full huge chunks, laughing at me. I fear I'll just have to wait until I'm an old man and the wood has finally disinte-



grated into mulch. And so, I'm afraid to go and try because I'm afraid of what the outcome will be if I fail. Then, since I lack confidence and faith in this matter, I am riddled with doubt and the anxiety that

flows from there due to all the possible outcomes that I have conjured in my mind. That leaves me with regret for having asked for the wood in the first place.

Guess what? This just makes me human. This is life. Life continually dumps upon us things that we didn't ask for. There will always be tangled messes showing up in our life. There will always be clusters that we must manage. Life will continue to challenge us in ways that will bring out fear, self-doubt, regret, depression, sadness and anxiety.

When we face a challenge that presents defeat as the most likely result, we need to remember that we are humans, and humans have an absolutely incredible ability to persevere. God has given us many natural gifts to do so.

To start, we have the most complex brain on the planet. We can problem solve like none other. The cognitive process of our brain is analytical, imaginative and creative. Our brains have been geared though our evolution to naturally find a way to either solve or get around problems. For better or for worse, our body is also geared to toss a lot of emotions in the way during the process. The biggest obstacle when facing an issue is hardly ever the issue itself. It is usually our own self. We can let our emotions get the best of us and bring us to self-defeat. But I do believe there is nothing humans can't do, eventually.

To tackle a problem, we need to have hope, to start with. If we can't hope for something, then we are never going to get our mind around it and the smallest obstacles and emotions will stop us. But hope opens the path to believing we can do something. Next, we need to move to faith. It is in faith that we believe we can do it.

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Church News

CHURCH EVENTS

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP

Join us each Sunday for our continued livestream worship services from our Facebook group page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstpresmorrison>. The services will also be posted as soon as possible after the service to our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcZlObAb6lcNXGA0cbuuVdg>.

CHROMEBOOK SERVICE

We have a small number of Chromebooks (small laptop computers) that we load with the worship service video each Sunday. We then deliver them to those without computer devices/internet service/smart phone. If you would like to be added to our list of Chromebook users, please contact Mike or a Deacon.

BIBLE STUDY continues at 9:30 a.m. each Tuesday via Zoom videoconference. All are welcome to attend. To join, go to: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71883561879?pwd=SVpjTDFwZUFEckhjeVB1RnJMQ0tvUT09>

September Scripture Readings

SEPT 6: Matthew 18:15-20
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14

SEPT 13: Matthew 18:21-35
Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12

SEPT 20: Matthew 20:1-16
Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
Phil. 1:21-30

SEPT 27: Matthew 21:23-32
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Phil. 2:1-13

If prompted:
Meeting ID: 718 8356 1879
Password: 5dHpf1

JOINT WORSHIP Some of the churches in Blackhawk Presbytery are joining together for a Labor Day weekend worship service on Sunday, September 6, at 10:15 a.m. We will be participating in it. The main portion of the service will be live out of Third Presbyterian Church of Rockford. The Selburgs will be streamed in for the children's message. This will be our worship service for the day. You can view it live on our Facebook page.

PRAYER TIME IN THE CHURCH We will begin to open the sanctuary to individuals (one at a time, time spaced) who would like to visit for prayer and reflection. Half-hour time slots will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on September 8. An online link to sign-up for a time slot will be e-mailed and posted to Facebook as soon as it is set up. Or call the office (772-3510) or e-mail firstpresmorrison@gmail.com to reserve a time.

PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Presbytery of Blackhawk will meet on Tuesday, September 8, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Scott Vandermyde will be our Commissioner once again (he has been to all the meetings in 2020).

DRIVE-UP MEALS

We will host at least one Free Community Drive Up Meal in September to help meet our neighbors' needs. On September 10, from 5 -6:30 p.m., we will serve pulled pork. This will also be a test to see if we are willing and able to provide future drive-up meals. Masks and social distancing will be required of volunteer cooks and those who will take meals to cars. If you would like to help in any way, contact Pastor Mike. Please spread the word to anyone in our community who could use a free, hot meal. Note, we will not be taking any donations of desserts, salads, sides, etc.



SUNDAY SERVICE BALCONY

GUESTS Beginning on September 13, we will begin to host members as "balcony guests" to be our "live studio audience" on Sundays. We will select—based on the order in which requests are received and guest schedules—one or two individuals or one family per Sunday to watch us record our livestreamed worship service. Masks will be required for the guests. The Selburgs and Scott Vandermyde will not wear masks, except for when we greet and seat guests. The Selburg boys will stay out of the balcony, we pray.

If you are interested in signing up for this, please email firstpresmorrison@gmail.com with the following information: 1) how many in your party; 2) if coming by yourself, do you want to be alone in balcony or are you all right with another person being there; 3) do you need transportation; and 4) what Sundays you are *not* available? You can also use the form on the following page and drop it off at the church mailbox or mail it in. Once you sign up, we'll contact you for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Sunday School has gone virtual this fall. Rally Day will be on September 13 at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. Check out page 5 for complete information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

The Sunday School Committee will meet next on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. by Zoom.

FINANCE TEAM

This Summer, the Session oversaw the creation of a Finance Team to oversee the church's finances. They meet separately from the regular Session meeting in order to spend more time studying, discussing and making decisions that then go to the Session for approval. Pastor Mike moderates the team. The team consists of Office Manager Jean Eggemeyer and Session Elders Lynn Knox, Angela Reamer and Scott Vandermyde. They will meet next

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September 17 via Zoom at 11:00 a.m. A link to the meeting will be sent to members.

ZOOM PIE & ICE CREAM



SOCIAL Since we can't be together this year for our annual Pie & Ice Cream Social on Harvest Celebration Sunday (September 20), we are going to attempt to do so virtually. Zoom into coffee hour at 11:15 a.m. with some pie and ice cream (or any other sweet treat of your choice) and we'll share some time together, though apart. Join us on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84982946730> Meeting ID: 849 8294 6730

DEACONS will meet September 21 at 10:00 a.m. by phone conference. Details will be sent to Deacons.

SESSION will meet September 21 via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. A link to the meeting will be sent to members.

PW MEETINGS The PW Coordinating Team will meet via phone or Zoom. Lynn Knox will be in touch with the committee with details.

NEWSLETTER Please get information to be included in the October *Life Together* newsletter to the office voicemail or e-mail (firstpresmorrison@gmail.com) by September 24. ■

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Blakelyn Catherine Ann Musch (12/20/2019-6/5/2020) completed this portion of her short life on June 5. It is a blessing that her parents got to be with and hold her for the last 24 hours of her life. A memorial service was held in Clinton, Iowa, on June 10. We continue to pray for her parents, Aubrey and Loren Musch, her siblings, Brayden, Brookelyn, Bryson and Brelynn Musch, and all of their family and friends.

Edna Reynolds (12/10/1929-8/7/2020) completed this portion of life, peacefully, on August 7. We give great thanks for the life she shared with us and for the new, true life which she now lives. A visitation was held August 11 at the Morrison Chapel of the Bosma-Renkes Funeral Home and a private memorial service was held at First Presbyterian on August 12.

STEWARDSHIP The Finance Team welcomes you to continue to support your church. Donations may be sent to the church (100 E. Lincolnway, Morrison IL 61270) or you may also make a one-time or recurring donation by PayPal. See <https://www.firstpresmorrison.org/giving> for more info.

PEACE & GLOBAL

WITNESS This annual offering of the Presbyterian Mission Agency

Prayer Requests

Those who have served the church in the past month; student Youdelka Philippe, her family and the Mission Starfish Haiti School; Yucatan Peninsula Mission; Victory Center; Sauk Valley Food Bank; Morrison Food Pantry; Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center and Blackhawk Presbytery; and those in need of healing and support: Individuals and families fighting COVID-19 infection, medical workers, essential employees, school teachers & staff; Bob Atherton, Dan Brandon, Rich Glazier, Orville Goodenough, Glenda Hegwood, Spencer Knox, Alan Manchester, Joyce Mathew, Ruth Mitick, Stan Mitick, Nancy Rector, the family & friends of Edna Reynolds, Cooke Shawver, Jean Slavin, Jean Temple, Julie Stinson, Dick Vandermeyde.

allows the larger church to offer ourselves to the pursuit of ending violence and bringing about reconciliation, no matter where it occurs in the world. FPC keeps 25% of donations to help fund local missions, the rest funds regional, national and international missions. From September 6-October 4 please consider donating: by sending a check to the church with "Peace" in the memo line; online: presbyterian-mission.org/peace-global or by texting PEACE to 56512.

MATTHEW 25 The First Presbyterian Church of Morrison, IL is now a Matthew 25 church. This means we have committed to: "...actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new

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For Sundays from September 13-December 20

BALCONY GUEST RESERVATION

Name(s): _____

Individual OR family? (*circle one*) If family, how many: _____

If individual, are you okay with a 2nd person being in the balcony? YES NO

If you are an individual, are you able to drive yourself or do you need transportation (masks required for both people in vehicle)? Drive Myself Need a Ride

Dates NOT available to attend through December 20?

Best contact phone number: _____

LOCAL AND OTHER RESOURCES

Golden Meals: Call 815 626-4442 (Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) Hot meals delivered Monday-Thursday. (With frozen/sack meals for weekends.)

United Way: Will deliver groceries and restaurant orders. Call 815 441-7456.

Morrison Food Pantry: Remains open Thursday mornings, 7:30-9:30 a.m., for curbside pick-up of food and dry goods.

Sauk Valley Food Bank: Offers drive-up "pantry day giveaways" on some Saturdays where food is provided to residents of the Sauk Valley area. Call 815-626-4556 for details.

Free Community Produce Table: Available just north of the church building while the growing season lasts.

Sullivan's Foods: Tuesday and Thursdays 7-8:00 a.m. shopping is reserved for senior citizens and at-risk individuals. The Morrison location has also begun online grocery ordering for curbside pick-up or delivery. Call 772-4696 or see <https://www.sullivansfoods.net/>

Dollar General: Shopping reserved for seniors during the first hour of business each day, 8-9:00 a.m.

Local Restaurants: Some are offering pick-up, curb-side pick-up and delivery. Call for details.

City News: Keep up on local news at our city's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thecityofmorrison>

Morrison Hospital: The hospital's Facebook page provides information on new check-in procedures and other updates: <https://www.facebook.com/MorrisonCommunityHospital>

Whiteside County Senior Center: The Center is not open for walk-ins or events but some services are being provided by phone. Call 815-622-9230 and see their Facebook page.

PC(USA): The PC(USA) COVID-19 dedicated webpage adds new information and resources regularly in many areas: <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/>.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

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It is faith that will overcome the emotions. It is faith that will get us around it or through it. It is faith that will give us the self confidence we need to reach success.

As we build our faith when we are tackling a problem, it is easy to let a light wind knock down all we have been working on. When this happens, we need to have faith in remembering that, in order to overcome our great challenge, there will be many other challenges along the way; some very tiny and some quite huge. These challenges each do their part to defeat us, and often the challenges work together at the same time. Yup, it's usually never easy. But as we have all learned in life, when we can begin to tackle some of the small challenges, we will gain confidence and learn skills that will help us move forward and take on more difficult challenges.

It's also important to remember that when we look at a problem in its entirety, it is likely to be extremely overwhelming, and anxiety and defeatism has permission to take over us. Thus, we need to remember how to eat an elephant...one bite at a time; and how we climb a mountain...one step at a time. So, let's step back from our problems for a moment, re-evaluate them, and see what we have the capability to tackle. And each portion can be broken down into smaller parts, and even smaller if needed, until we have found one piece to start with. We have to build our way up.

Along the way, our faith increases, our skills and abilities increase, our knowledge increases, our brains begin to work better, and we will find that eventually, we have climbed to the mountain top. And yes, along the way to the mountain top, we will realize there are many other peaks along our path that will present challenges. But we don't have to climb them now. They don't need to topple us. We'll get to them eventually and when we do, we'll be that much more ready for them, and we'll take it one bite and one step at a time.

We also need to keep in mind the resources around us. There are resources that will help us learn and grow. There are professionals we can rely on for help. And there are others in our life who we can reach out to for help. An obstacle for looking to professionals is that it can be cost-prohibitive. And an obstacle for reaching out to others is that we often don't want to bother people because we know how busy everyone is these days and that we don't want to burden others and take away their free time to benefit our own selves. But, we do need to keep in mind that humans still like to help

other humans, and the worst thing that can happen if we ask for help is that they say "no". No matter what, we need to realize we are not alone and we don't have to tackle life's issues on our own.

When we stop to look at the big picture of life, we realize that the worst-case scenario is death. Yet even death cannot defeat us. We can have faith that God came to earth in human form to teach us to love and care for one another and then died for us so we could be set free in the spiritual realm to live in a personal relationship with God in our life.

In this relationship with God, we are assured that "God loves you, God remembers you, and God is with you". This is actually a statement that we are going to teach our children this year in Sunday School and we will close each Sunday School with the children repeating it. This is something important for children to embrace and to grow into as they mature and become adults. It's something for adults to remember and utilize as well.

We can remember that the Triune God has created the world around us, including ourselves, and will continue to create a future where we can remain living with God; God is around us and in us as the Holy Spirit, which will guide us and show us the way and keep us on the path; and that the Word of God continues to speak to us, that God will help us to listen, and that we shall have reassurance in our faith in God's existence, God's love, and God's care. So even if our biggest issue brings death, we will not be defeated, because all that is actually happening is that this temporary physical life on earth is ending and our spiritual eternal life in heaven begins.

In our life together, we need to remember to encourage each other as best as we can. In order to do so, we need to pay attention to the needs of others as well as remain open to asking for help. We can learn and grow together and overcome all the obstacles we face. We can remind ourselves to breathe, to relax, to smile, to love and to embrace the beauty of this life. We'll get through whatever we are facing.

It won't likely happen in the way and time that we want but, if we give it over to God, we can have faith that it will happen in God's time and in God's way. That's what really matters. We belong to God. God will take care of us. Indeed, most of all, we need to embrace in our faith that "God loves you, God remembers you, and God is with you". Give it to God and let go. Be free to live and to love. May we love one another.

Grace and Peace,
Mike

Sunday School Fall 2020

Sunday School this fall will be far different than ever before. The governing bodies of both First Presbyterian Church and Morrison United Methodist Church voted to not have in-person Sunday School this fall. A survey was sent out to parents to determine a way of having Sunday School that is going to work for the families. The Sunday School Committee then met on August 26 to begin planning for the year.

Our Sunday School classes will take place every other week beginning on September 13 (Sept. 13, 27; Oct. 11, 25; Nov. 8, 22; Dec. 6, 20). They will be held via Zoom for about 20 minutes each starting at 11:15 a.m.

Right now, our basic structure for the class will be as follows:

- Opening prayer
- Sing a familiar song to a video
- Mission recap show-and-tell (children get to share what they did for the previous week's "mission assignment")
- Scripture reading and lesson
- Mission assignment
- Sing a familiar song to a video
- Lord's Prayer
- Closing words ("God loves you; God remembers you; God is with you". We will close each Sunday School with this the children saying this statement.)

The mission assignment will be something that the children will work on over the following two weeks. It may be a hands-on craft. One week, the assignment could be to make thank you cards for



the police or fire department. Another week could be a volunteer assignment. Either way, when the children return to the following class, they get to have a show-and-tell with each child having the opportunity to share what they did for the mission assignment.

RALLY DAY will be September 13 at 11:15 a.m. It will follow the same format of Sunday School but, instead of the show-and-tell and mission assignment, they will have a Zoom scavenger hunt. The children will be asked to go find in their house some object (a Bible, a cross and many other items). They run to go find it, and then they show it to all the other kids, then go run to find the next item.

Kellie Kohl will be sending out Sunday School sign-up sheets to parents. If you know of anyone who would like to join Sunday School this year, please pass the family's name and contact information on to Pastor Mike, Carol Wolf or Deb Zigler.

Note: The reason Sunday School has been changed to 11:15 a.m. this fall is because MUMC will have their worship service at 9:00 a.m. and we will have ours at 10:15 a.m. Thus, we decided to have Sunday School after our service, as opposed to 8:00 a.m. or some time later in the day.



Capital Campaign



Thank you to Jan Kelly who donated toward the new, secure steel door (\$1000 raised so far) and to those who donated toward refurbishing the bell tower (\$925 raised): Greg Kruse, Karl Kruse, Ken & Shirley Mills, Marian Osborn and Ken & Margie Selburg.



We welcome your donations to fully cover the cost of these efforts to maintain our beautiful, historic building. About \$1500 is still needed for the steel door and about \$3700 for the bell tower project. Checks can be sent to the church with "steel door" or "bell tower" in the notation line or donations may be made from PayPal. Click on "[Giving](#)" from the FPC website (www.firstpresmorrison.org) to give by PayPal. Thank you!



September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 <i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:15AM Blackhawk Churches' Special Live Stream Worship Service , link from the FPC Facebook group page	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Office Closed	8 9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom 9:30AM Zoom Presbytery Mtg	2	3	4	5
13 <i>15th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page 11:15AM Sunday School Rally Day on Zoom	14 7PM Sunday School Committee Mtg. on Zoom	15 9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom	9	10 5-6:30PM Free Community Drive-up Meal	11	12
20 <i>16th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page 11:15AM Pie & Ice Cream Social on Zoom	21 10AM Phone conference Deacons Meeting 6:30PM Zoom Session Meeting	22 9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom	23	17 11AM Zoom Finance Team Meeting	18	19
27 <i>17th Sunday after Pentecost</i> 10:15AM Live Stream Worship Service, Facebook group page 11:15AM Sunday School on Zoom	28	29 9:30AM Bible Study on Zoom	30	24 <i>Newsletter deadline</i>	25	26

A **BIG THANKS** from Pastor Mike!

Many people have been working behind the scenes over the summer to help our church continue to serve Christ, and our church building to continue to function.

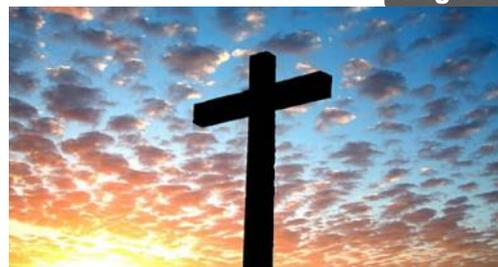
I would like to first thank those who have led us in worship every Sunday: Scott Vandermyde has led us on the organ; Katie Selburg has become CEO of our "Technology Department" (she has done an amazing amount of work on the tech side in both research and in rendering the worship services), wrangler of wild children, weekly liturgist, and keeping the pastor in line. And a big thanks to Henry and George for being acolytes, the children for "Time with the Growing Church" and bringing down the offering plates each week.

I would like to thank those who keep to a weekly routine: Jean Eggemeyer who has kept the church office and many functions of the church running, to our paid custodians Jenn Reynolds and Susan Wiersema who have kept the church clean as needed and for embarking on deep-cleaning projects; Robert Van Osdol has been mowing our yard; Rich Glazier has been watering the flowers over the weekends

and when I have been out of town (I water them Sunday through Thursday); George and Henry Selburg who are regulars at helping we water the flowers and clean off the produce table; and Greg and Karl Kruse have kept the weeds away from the church property.

I would like to thank those who have helped with building improvements: Greg and Karl Kruse refurbished the Lincolnway and Bell Tower wood doors, and fixed broken toilets. Rich Glazier installed and then removed (both by Session direction) a panic bar for the 2nd floor door to the daycare (it wasn't going to work in the end); and Larry Bealer for lubing the organ pump motor (one Sunday I thought it might explode). Thanks to those who have donated to building improvement projects and continued to donate to the church's general fund which keeps our missions and ministries going. And thanks to those who have been donating to the Free Community Produce Table.

Thanks to those who keep the business going: again, Jean Eggemeyer, for keeping us running via the office; our Session for taking



extra time throughout the summer to make a lot of decisions, some which have been really difficult (Rick Barr, Lynn Knox, Tim Reynolds, Lexie Laughlin, Jim Palmer, Angela Reamer, Alyssa Sibley, Scott Vandermyde); Jan Kelly for all her work as our Clerk of Session; our Deacons for their love, care and outreach to our congregation (Mavis Best, June Cortes, Jane James, Jan Kelly, Greg Kruse, Marian Osborn and Doris Robertson); and our newly formed Finance Team to oversee the church's finances (Jean Eggemeyer, Lynn Knox, Angela Reamer, Scott Vandermyde).

I'd also like to thank Bosma-Renkes funeral home for helping with Edna Reynolds' memorial service. They stepped up and performed all the jobs that are usually performed by church members.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who keep us in your prayers and for all who are doing that which goes unseen.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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possibilities...to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor." Learn more at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>. Share your ideas on how we can fulfill this commission with Pastor Mike, a Session Elder or a Deacon.

PW THANK OFFERING The Presbyterian Women are sponsoring the annual Thank Offering. We are asking for your help by donating to this fund by October 15. Please indicate "Thank Offering" on your check to give to this worthy project. The inspiration for the project comes from Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not worry about anything, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

FREE COMMUNITY PRODUCE

TABLE is available for church members and the community at the corner of Genesee and Knox Streets. Please leave any extras your garden produces and/or take what you can use for your family.

STRONGHOLD CAMP &

RETREAT CENTER is offering the opportunity to tent camp on the grounds, tour the castle and volunteer. Day trips are also encouraged for

hiking, archery, the high ropes course and other activities. See the Stronghold website for all the opportunities available: <https://www.strongholdcenter.org/>

COOKBOOKS There are some FPC "Friends & Family" cookbooks available for sale for \$10. Proceeds will help offset funeral costs for Blakelyn Musch. Call Marian Osborn: 772-2760 to purchase one.

CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED

A reminder that the church building is closed to all but employees and others deemed by Session to have a pressing need to enter the building. Under no circumstances, except emergency, are the daycare entrances to be used. Masks are required in the kitchen and daycare. ■

Leadership and Staff

**Session Elders/
Board of Trustees/
Personnel Committee/
Safety Team/
Stewardship Team**

Lynn Knox '20
Tim Reynolds '20
Alyssa Sibley '20*
Rick Barr '21*
Jim Palmer '21
Angela Reamer '21
Lexie Laughlin '22
Scott Vandermyde '22
Jan Kelly, Clerk

Deacons

Doris Robertson '20
June Cortes '21*
Jan Kelly '21
Greg Kruse '21
Marian Osborn '21*
Mavis Best '22
Jane James '22*

Nominating Committee

Rick Barr
June Cortes
Lynn Knox
Greg Kruse
Lexie Laughlin
Marian Osborn

PW Coordinating Team

Lynn Knox, Moderator
Jane James, Secretary
Angela Reamer,
Treasurer

**Resthave Home
Board of Directors**
Stephany Trossbach,
FPC Representative

**Resthave Home
Women's Auxiliary
Board**
Deb Zigler

Finance Team
Jean Eggemeyer,
Lynn Knox, Angela Reamer,
Scott Vandermyde

Staff
Rev. Dr. Mike Selburg, Pastor
Jean Eggemeyer, Office Mngr.
Scott Vandermyde, Organist
Greg Kruse, Jenn Reynolds,
Susan Wiersema,
Custodial/Maintenance
Crew

**Elders and Deacons in their second consecutive term*



Presbyterian
Women In
Blackhawk
Fall Gathering to be on
Zoom. Saturday, October
10, at 10:00 a.m.
Please register by
October 1.

DRIVE UP MEAL



5-6:30PM
SEPTEMBER 10

Pulled pork sandwich,
sides and a drink.

This is a free event and the
community is invited.



For September...

Birthdays

- 9/1: Arlene Burkholder
- 9/2: Nancy Shank
- 9/21: Susan Wiersema
- 9/30: Sally Hayden
- 9/30: Ron Shank
- 9/30: Ray Tucker

Anniversaries

- 9/8: Ryan & Sarah Wiersema
- 9/24: Daniel & June Cortes

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