



THE STEEPLE

FEBRUARY 2025

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTERSET, IA

The mission of the First United Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of all people for the glory of God through teaching, caring and worshiping.

Once Upon a Time. . .

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away. . .

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. . .

My name is Ishmael. . .

There was a boy called Eustace Clarence Scrubb, and he almost deserved it.

With such words we are transported into a story. It is a world full of drama, mystery, intrigue and excitement. It could take us onto a 19th century whaling ship, within a magical wardrobe, upon a starship, or into a European city. Stories capture our imaginations and have the power to inspire and motivate us. Telling stories was Jesus' primary way of teaching. Could we do worse?

We spend our entire lives learning the story and our part in that story. For much of my life I have become increasingly mesmerized by the story of Scripture. In part, it is why I have written over a dozen monologues and now have compiled them into a book. There is *so* much in God's Word to learn and to share!

When my sons were young part of the bedtime routine was to read them a story right before the lights were turned off. It is a time that they eagerly looked forward to. (As did I! Who can resist a snuggling with a child as you read a familiar tale?)

FUPC too has a story to tell. We have our own unique chapter in the greater story of God's kingdom. It is a story worth learning and then sharing. People are hungry to hear our story! Tell it to your children and grandchildren! Tell it to your neighbors and to our community! Learn the stories of Scripture and learn your part in that story. In the words of that great hymn, do you, "Love to Tell the Story?"



- *Pastor Dave*

BIRTHDAYS



Joe Ekdahl	February 4
Reta Brown	February 5
Paul Millhollin	February 8
Nicole Smith	February 9
Darla Millhollin	February 17
Elaine Newton	February 18
Bryce Landers	February 19
Amanda Ryner	February 27
Ann Pashek	February 28

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY!

Dan and Lori Ryner	February 14
Steve and Kim Walker	February 25



MADONNA CIRCLE



February 3 @ 10am

EVENING GUILD



February 5
4:00 pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 2 – 10:15 AM

Rev. Dave Endriss

Worship Leader, Communion
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9 – 10:15 AM

Kevin de Regnier

Worship Leader
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16 – 10:15 AM

Rev. Dave Endriss

Worship Leader
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 23 – 10:15 AM

Pulpit Supply

Worship Leader
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany



We pray for...

Nolan Collins

Pat Kuhns

Tish McKee

Ruth Wagley

Ilene Holmes

Those known only to God

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
Philippians 4:6*

SESSION

Class of 2025

Class of 2026

Class of 2027

Pam Deichmann
Lori Ryner

Ron Berdine
Ann Pashek

Mike Dickerson
Joe Ekdahl
Don Stanley

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Stir Your Coffee
At the Steeple
Wednesdays
at 10am

Join with the pastor every Wednesday morning for an informal time of fellowship and coffee. There is no agenda except to enjoy each other's company. Bring a snack to share if you like, but it is not required!



Elders Mike Dickerson, Joe Ekdahl, and Don Stanley were installed in worship on January 19, 2025.

**A pastor giving a children's sermon on vestments asked:
"Why do you think I wear this collar?"**

**One kid answered:
"Because it kills ticks and fleas up to 30 days."**

Oldtimers



FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Rev. Dave Endriss Communion 11:15 am Fellowship	3 10 am Madonna Circle	4	5 Artful Devotions 10 am – Coffee with Pastor Dave 4 pm Evening Guild 5 pm Bible Study	6 7 pm Property & Finance	7	8
9 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Kevin de Regnier 11:15 am Fellowship SOUPER BOWL GOODIES	10	11	12 Artful Devotions 10 am – Coffee with Pastor Dave 5 pm Bible Study	13	14 	15
16 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Rev. Dave Endriss 11:15 am Fellowship POETRY READINGS	17	18 6:30 pm Session Meeting	19 Artful Devotions 10 am – Coffee with Pastor Dave 5 pm Bible Study	20	21	22 Presbytery at Indianola
23 7th Sunday after Epiphany 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship Pulpit Supply 11:15 am Fellowship	24	25	26 Artful Devotions 10 am – Coffee with Pastor Dave 5 pm Bible Study	27	28	

Black History Month Begins - February 1

Black History Month was created to focus attention on the contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honors all Black people from all periods of U.S. history, from the enslaved people first brought over from Africa in the early 17th century to African Americans living in the United States today.

Valentine's Day - February 14



Where did Valentine's Day originate? The history of the holiday—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. Saint Valentine, who according to some sources is actually two distinct historical characters who were said to have healed a child while imprisoned and executed by decapitation. Other sources

such as the Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. Whatever the history, Valentine's Day is the second largest holiday for greeting cards in the U.S. - an estimated 145 million. Also, according to a survey by the National Retail Federation, Americans spent \$25.8 billion on Valentine's Day in 2024. The record for spending was set in 2020, with \$27.4 billion spent on the holiday.

President's Day - February 17

Washington's Birthday is a U.S. federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Increasingly, the holiday has become an occasion to celebrate the birthdays of both President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln.

Looking Ahead to March...

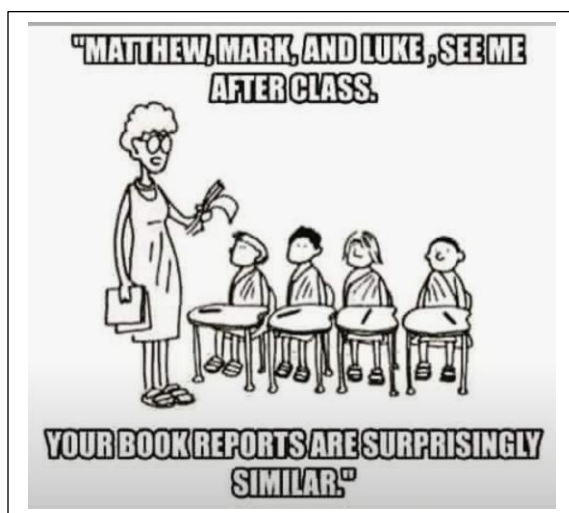
Transfiguration of the Lord - March 2

Fat Tuesday - March 4

Ash Wednesday - March 5

First Sunday in Lent - March 9

More information on these and more coming in your March STEEPLE on February 28!



From the CRISP team...

We had a very busy holiday season at the CRISP office. I wanted to share with you that our Christmas for Kids program was a great success. With your support we were able to serve nearly 300 children this year. That is an increase from 265 children last year. Each family that signed up received Christmas gifts for all of their children as well as a grocery gift card (from CRISP) and a food box (provided by MATURA).

We could not have done it without you and your ongoing support!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!