



THE STEEPLE

July 2026

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.

People look forward to these events every summer. Some even schedule their vacation days to coincide with these celebrations. The county and state fairs have become important traditions. Festivals are nothing new. The ancient Israelites had many annual celebrations where they gathered to sing, eat and party. Some of the festivals were called: the festival of weeks, the festival of booths or the festival of unleavened bread. Although each of these celebrations had unique qualities and reasons for their existence, they all helped to remind the people of their relationship with God.



At both the county and state fairs there are displays and competitions exhibiting the bounty of crops and livestock. The Israelites too celebrated a harvest festival, giving thanks to God for a plentiful year. Of course, in Indianola where I live, they also have each summer the National Balloon

Classic. Sitting on my deck, looking to the east, I can see dozens of balloons every morning and evening! While the ancients did not have hot air balloons, they did look to the heavens:

“There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, majestic through the skies.”

Deuteronomy 33:26

“Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.”

Psalm 36:5

As you make your way through the different displays this year or as you gape in awe at the inspiring site of 100 balloons in the air, or as you savor a snack from the plethora of choices from food vendors, take a moment to recall the ancient tradition of festival going and how its origins are rooted in a desire to have a deepening relationship with the divine.

May you enjoy these remaining weeks of summer!

Pastor Dave





Dear Community Members,

School has just let out, but at CRISP, we are already gearing up for the upcoming school year. Starting the year with a backpack and the right supplies ensures children are prepared and ready to learn.

With your support, the School Supplies 4 Kids (SS4K) Program will assist local families by providing these essential items. Last year, we distributed 187 backpacks to children in Madison County, and we anticipate a similar need this year. On average, it costs \$50 to \$60 to fully equip one child.

How You Can Help:

Monetary Donations:

- By Check: Please make checks payable to CRISP with "SS4K" in the memo line. Mail to: 113 John Wayne Drive South, Winterset, IA 50273.
- Online: Donations are accepted via PayPal and Venmo at www.wintersetcrisp.org. Please indicate that your donation is for the SS4K program.
- Volunteer Opportunities: Students can earn Silver Cord hours by packing backpacks and managing inventory. To volunteer, please contact us at 515-462-9400 or crisp@familyresourcelink.org

In-Kind Donations: We are currently accepting any school supplies listed on the Winterset, Earlham or I35 school supply lists. The following items are high need:

- Crayola colored pencils (12 or 24 count)
- Expo dry erase markers
- Wired earbuds or headphones
- College Ruled Notebooks
- 1.5 inch and 3 inch binders

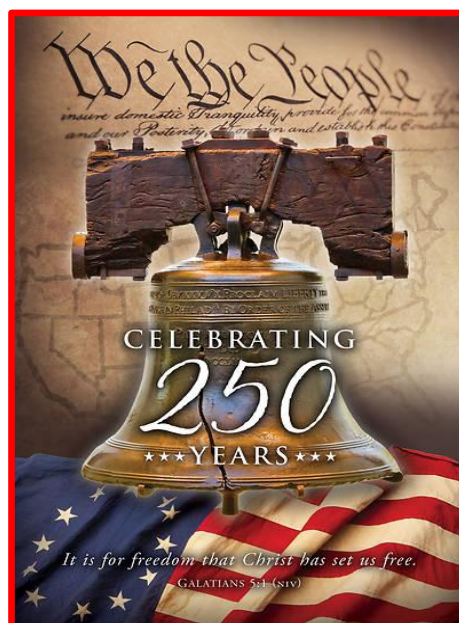
Thank you for your continued support in helping Madison County students succeed. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Kathleen Rush
Program Director

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Community Resources in Service to People
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We pray for...

Connie Banks
Gordy Clark
Nolan Collins
Carol Jacobs
Jake Jacobs
Kathy Jackson Sas
Bob Kuhns
Pat Kuhns
Sally Leeper

Tish McKee
Kate Sullivan



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. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

Philippians 4:6-7



Cole and Ashlyn Ryan were received into membership on June 21, 2026. Their son Cody was also baptized that same day. Congratulations to all and welcome!



BOARD OF ELDERS



Class of 2026

Ron Berdine
Ann Pashek

Class of 2027

Mike Dickerson
Joe Ekdahl
Don Stanley

Class of 2028

Craig Deichmann
Steve Holmes

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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David Endriss - Pastor

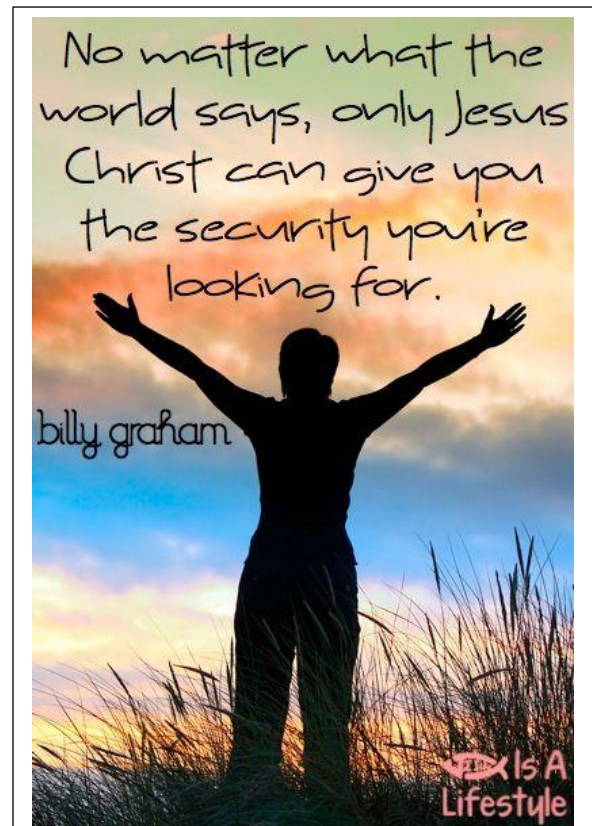
Dalene Davies-Smoot -

Administrative Assistant

Steve Walker - Custodian



We are joining with the congregation of First the Presbyterian Church of Newton (Paul Millhollin's congregation), for a wonderful weekend of fellowship, worship, and work at Wildwood Camp from July 24-26. Please consider being a part of this ministry as we assist Wildwood in their important work! There will be things to do for all ages and abilities. While the folks at Newton will be spending the night at the camp, most of us here in Winterset will probably spend the night in our homes. Contact Pastor Dave at revendriss@gmail.com or 515-360-0764 for more information! All are welcome!



BIRTHDAYS

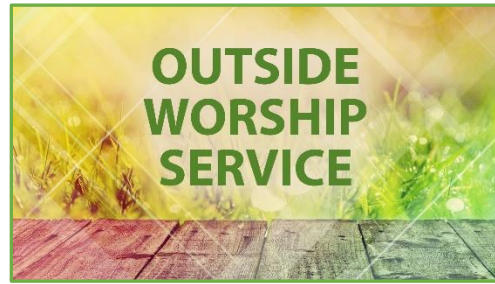


Craig Deichmann	July 5
Jack Sawyer	July 7
Betty Grandfield	July 13
Gentry Landers	July 16
Dixie Conklin	July 19
Kevin de Regnier	July 28
Dalene Davies-Smoot	Aug 6
Amber Ladd	Aug 6
JoAnn Collins	Aug 14
Joe Orton	Aug 20
Ellie Pashek	Aug 20
Carol Jacobs	Aug 30

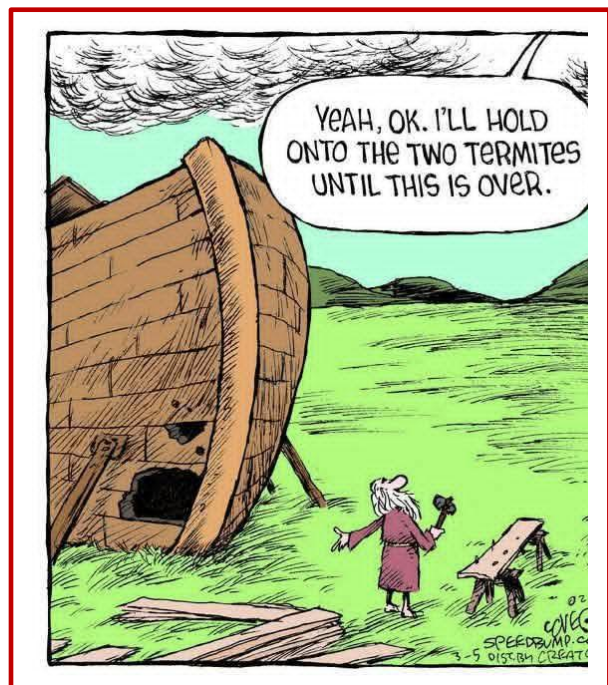
ANNIVERSARIES



Craig & Pam Deichmann	July 1
Larry & Laura Silverthorn	July 20
Kevin & Rae de Regnier	Aug 1
Mike & Chery White	Aug 3
Paul & Cathy Bruett	Aug 6
Bryce & Gentry Landers	Aug 16
Dean & Kit Schantz	Aug 18
Mike & Pat Dickerson	Aug 29



Worship with us at the Historical Complex on July 5. The Winterset Ministerial Association is sponsoring a combined worship of community congregations at the County Historical Complex, Sunday, July 5, at 10:00 am. Join us for a service of Christian unity, followed by a potluck lunch. Please bring a salad or dessert side dish to share, and your lawn chair!



There's still time to register for **Synod School, July 26-31**. This year Beuna Vista University in Storm Lake will host Synod School organized by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Synod School is a learning and person enrichment experience for all ages. People come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play and life together. Check out <https://lakesandprairies.org> where you can register and download the catalog with course descriptions, schedules, and more! We have a catalog in the church office for anyone interested and Pastor Dave will be going!

JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Artful Devotions 10 am Coffee	2 7:00 pm Property & Finance	3	4 
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 5 10:00 am Worship at Historical complex with potluck following	6	7	8 Artful Devotions 10 am Coffee at The Bakery Noon – Bus Tour	9	10	11
7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 12 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP Kevin de Regnier	13	14	15 Artful Devotions 10 am Coffee	16	17	18
8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 19 9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP Rev. Ioan Ittu	20	21	22 Artful Devotions 10 am Coffee	23	24 Wildwood Hills Ranch retreat	25
9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 26 Worship at Wildwood Hills Ranch of Iowa	← SYNOD SCHOOL IN STORM LAKE →					
	27	28 NO JULY SESSION	29 Artful Devotions No Coffee	30	31 Noon – Bus Tour	



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Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation, under God
Indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for All.*

