



THE STEEPLE

JUNE 2025

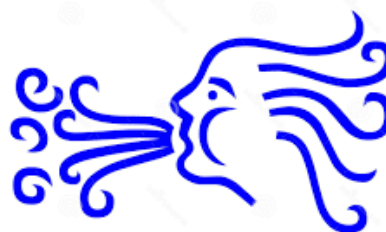
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.*

We are moving into that time of the year when we are spending more time in our yards: mowing, gardening or just sitting on the deck and enjoying the sunshine! But sometimes the heat and humidity can get to us. And then a soft, cool breeze pushes through our yard and . . .

“Ahhhh!”



Martin Luther once said, *“The gospel is like fresh, mild and cool air in the extreme heat of summer, a solace and comfort in the anguish of the conscience.”*

During this Pentecost season, we often reflect upon the Holy Spirit as Fire, Water or Wind. Fire can gently warm, or has the destructive power of a disastrous forest fire. Water can clean and refresh, but it can also flood and drown. Wind can be gently soothing, but when it comes in the form of a tornado or derecho, it can be frightening!

So it is also with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit can work calmly, lightly and quietly in our lives. But the Spirit can also move with powerful, even destructive force. The Holy Spirit is, after all, a member of the all-powerful triune God!

For many years, the National Park Service did everything it could to prevent forest fires. Eventually, they discovered that fires were a part of nature's natural cycle. By trying to prevent every fire, it led to fires that truly became catastrophic!

The apostle Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5 exhorts his readers to *“not quench the Spirit.”* For insurance purposes, most churches would definitely not want problems with fire, wind or water! But it is my prayer that the fire, wind and water of the Holy Spirit may truly burn, blow and flood FUPC!

Pastor Dave

Coming up...

Sunday, June 1 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am - Worship, Communion, Rev. Dave Endriss

10:00 am - Fellowship

Monday, June 2 - 10:00 am - Madonna Circle

Wednesday, June 4 - Artful Devotions

10:00 am - Coffee with Pastor Dave

4:00 pm - Evening Guild

Thursday, June 5 - 7:00 pm - Property & Finance

Saturday, June 7 - "Airing of the Quilts," 11-1 Lunch

Sunday, June 8 - Day of Pentecost - *Wear Red!*

9:00 am - Worship, Rev. Dave Endriss

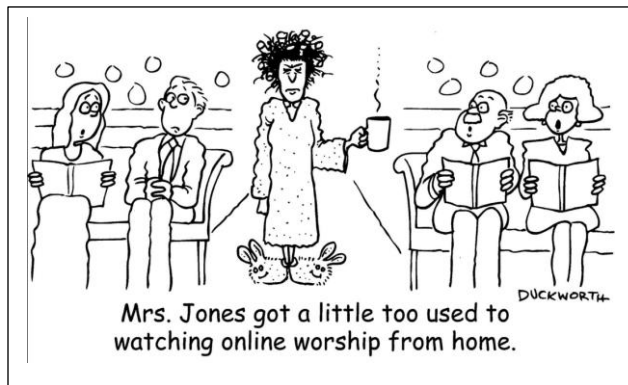
10:00 am - Fellowship



*"Rejoice
always, pray
without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances..."*

- 1 Thessalonians 16-17

We pray for...
Heather Clark
Nolan Collins
Pat Kuhns
Tish McKee
Connor Pashek
Dean Schantz
Nancy Triplett
Ruth Wagley
Ilene Holmes
Those known only to God



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



BIRTHDAYS



Tish McKee June 12

Dan Ryner June 20

Hallie Ekdahl June 24

Ilene Holmes June 25

ANNIVERSARIES



Bob & Pat Kuhns June 6

Robert & Elaine Newton June 7

Ron & Sharon Berdine June 15

Joe & Trisha Ekdahl June 25

If your name does not appear on our birthday or anniversary list, it may be because we don't have it. Please let the office know of any changes. We don't want to miss anyone!



2025 Iowa Quilt Festival



Retreat June 4-6
Airing of the Quilts June 7



RETREAT



CLASSES



LECTURES



AIRING OF THE QUILTS



Winterset, IA

June 4 - 7, 2025

Prepare yourself for an unforgettable quilting extravaganza this June 4-7, 2025 – the **Iowa Quilt Festival!**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7, 2025, when the enchanting town of Winterset undergoes a stunning transformation into an art gallery adorned with quilts gracing the iconic Covered Bridges of Madison County, churches, and historic buildings.

Before the Airing of the Quilts, immerse yourself in the magic of quilting by learning from esteemed quilt instructors from June 4 to June 7. Gain invaluable insights into diverse quilting techniques and elevate your craft under the guidance of seasoned experts. Discover fresh possibilities and refine your skills.

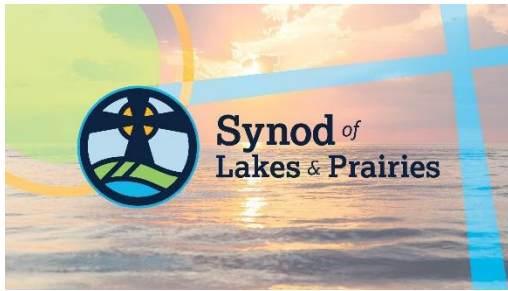
You will also have the opportunity to retreat to More Pieces retreat center where you can create your masterpieces while reveling in uninterrupted quilting bliss. Forge connections with like-minded quilting enthusiasts, exchange ideas, and reignite your passion for this art form.

Find all of the details here: [2025 Iowa Quilt Festival in Winterset](https://www.iowaquiltsociety.org/2025-iowa-quilt-festival-in-winterset)

Volunteers are needed to sit with the quilts at varying places – two-hour shifts. Also needed are persons to help hang quilts (8-10 am) and take down (4 pm). **Sign up through our SignUpGenius link:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D48A9A62DA4F94-56516726-2025#/> Come be part of the fun!

Juneteenth (June 19) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans. We acknowledge this day in history and honor the long struggle of African-Americans for freedom. The day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 2021, when President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law.





Summer is just around the corner!

Theme:

Re-Forming “Normal,” Expanding HOPE

Take a week off and replenish your faith!

This year, July 20-25, Buena Vista University will host a Synod School organized by the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Synod School is a learning and personal 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.

Each day starts out with breakfast followed by worship, two classes in the morning, lunch, hour break, two classes in the evening, dinner and evening worship. Participants decide what they attend or do not attend. There are so many things to do during the week, it's impossible to do it all! One day you may decide to stay in your room or walk to the majestic lake and sit alone with your thoughts. This is your week to recharge, do what works for you.

Check out <https://lakesandprairies.org> where you can register and download the catalog with course descriptions, schedules, and more! The office at First United Presbyterian Church has a couple of catalogs for anyone interested.



The history of Father's Day goes back to 1908, when a church in West Virginia held a sermon to honor

362 men who had been killed the previous year in a coal mining explosion. This was the country's first-ever event to strictly honor fathers, but it was just a one-time thing.

The following year, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday. Dodd was one of six children raised by their single father, and she thought fathers should be honored in the same way as mothers.

After she'd petitioned her local community and government for a year, Dodd's home state of Washington

celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight, it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972, when President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

Father's Day is a holiday that celebrates and honors fathers and their influence in our lives. So no matter whether you celebrate your biological dad, adoptive dad, step-dad, grandpa, or someone who's been like a father to you, the key is to spend time together and participate in activities that show love and appreciation. Start the day off right by bringing Dad to church on June 15!

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." – Billy Graham



Summertime...and the livin' is easy....well, not really easy but it does take on a spirit of relaxation and laid-back schedules. Here at First Presbyterian, Preschool is done for the summer as are public schools (today); Bible Study and Women's Groups are finishing up for the season and the calendar looks less busy and hectic. Even the daily barrage of emails has begun to slow down as the calendar turns from spring to summer. With the summer's agendas come vacation plans, travel arrangements, and a more flexible work environment. Pastor Dave will be gone some, and I will be taking some time off as well primarily to attend my grandsons' baseball tournaments both near and far. Because CRISP is gone and I will be working completely alone in the building on some days, for safety reasons you may find the door locked if you stop by. Ring the doorbell and I'll come let you in! If you want to be sure I'm here, I encourage you to call first (515-462-3261) or text me at 319-530-8373. Our office hours will remain primarily 9-1 Monday-Thursday with some flexibility as work permits. Happy Summer! -Dalene



The celebration of Pentecost Sunday is June 8 this year. To remind us of the significance of the arrival of the Holy Spirit, we all wear red to worship on that Sunday. So pick out all of the red that you want and come ready to celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Also that day, the Pentecost Offering will be received. This offering nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come. Our gifts to this offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. 40% is retained by congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people in our own community. 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through the ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please give as you are able.



July 6 – Historical Complex

August 3 – Middle River Upper Shelter

JUNE

New month, new chapter, new page
and new wishes.

May the month give you courage, strength,
confidence, patience, self-love & inner peace.

May every day in June fill your days with hope,
love, sunshine and energy.
Let there be joy, fun and laughter.

BOARD OF ELDERS



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Class of 2026

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David Endriss - Pastor

Dalene Davies-Smoot - Admin. Assistant

Steve Walker - Custodian



Flag Day, also called National Flag Day, in the United States, a day honoring the national flag, observed on June 14. The holiday commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag.




Happy June

God will never leave you empty, He will replace everything you have lost. And give you peace of mind. May God open the heavens to shower you lots of love and happiness to make this month a meaningful one. Wishing you a blessed and fulfilled Month.

T.D. Jakes

FB/With A Little Help From My Friends

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>7th Sunday of Easter</p> <p>9:00 AM WORSHIP COMMUNION 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10 AM Madonna Circle</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Artful Devotions 10 AM Coffee 4 PM Evening Guild</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7 PM Property & Finance</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10-4 AIRING OF THE QUILTS 11-1 LUNCH</p>
<p>8</p> <p>PENTECOST</p> <p>9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Artful Devotions 10 AM Coffee</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>FLAG DAY</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>Trinity Sunday</p> <p>9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Artful Devotions 10 AM Coffee</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Artful Devotions 10 AM Coffee</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>9:00 AM WORSHIP 10:00 AM FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>30</p>					

"The castle grounds were gleaming in the sunlight as though freshly painted; the cloudless sky smiled at itself in the smoothly sparkling lake, the satin-green lawns rippled occasionally in a gentle breeze: June had arrived." – J.K. Rowling