



"The Steeple"

A Weekly Newsletter from First United Presbyterian Church
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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
Terri Wagner

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

Coming up...

Sunday, July 19 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am - Worship, Rev. Ioan Ittu

10:00 am - Fellowship

Wednesday, July 22

Artful Devotions

10:00 am - Coffee with Pastor Dave

Friday, July 24 - Sunday, July 26 - Weekend at Wildwood Camp

Sunday, July 26 - 9:30 am - Worship at Wildwood Camp

Monday, July 27 - Friday, July 31 - Synod School at Storm Lake

Pastor Dave out of office to attend Synod School

Wednesday, July 29

Artful Devotions

No Coffee with Pastor Dave

Friday, July 31 - Noon - Bus Tour Lunch

Sunday, August 2 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

10:00 am - Fellowship

Wednesday, August 5

Artful Devotions

10:00 am - Coffee with Pastor Dave

There's still time for you to join us! We are joining with the congregation of First 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, more of 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!



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!



Another year has flown by and it's soon to be the 70th anniversary of my birth. From my 50s through the 60s life seems to have sped up, turning those fleeting days into a blur. And as I begin the next decade I'm full of questions: Will my health stay as good as it is now? Will I consider full retirement at some point? Will I become a great-grandma? Will I live long enough to see my younger grandkids graduate and go into the world? You know the questions, the ones that you think about when you're awake at 2 am wondering how tall Jesus was.

My son asked me what I wanted for my birthday this year since "it's a big one". I didn't know how to respond but since you're never too old to receive gifts, I obliged him with an answer....I told him I'd love to go back to Beaver Lake in Arkansas and stay at the cabin where Bob and I used to go every year for our anniversary. Or Branson. I dearly love Branson. He actually said he'd think about it!

How do you celebrate special days? My grandson Carson will be 21 on August 8. That's a special one, and if that wasn't special enough, he's getting married on September 19. Lord willing I'm able to celebrate with him on both occasions!

So whenever you're "special" day is, make it a good one. Life is too short to dread those birthdays that end in zero...even the one that starts with 7.

- *The Upcoming Birthday Girl Dalene*