



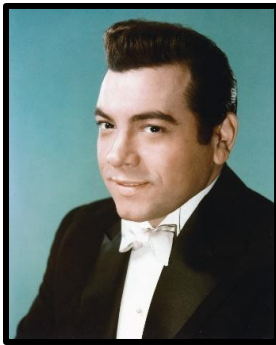
THE STEEPLE

MAY 2025

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTERSET, IA

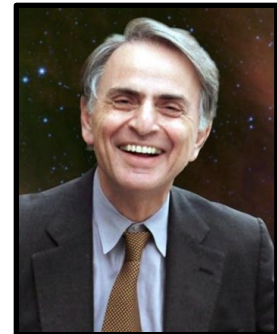
The mission of the First United Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of all people for the glory of God through teaching, caring and worshiping.



Mario Lanza



Tiger Woods



Carl Sagan

What do these three individuals share in common? On the surface they seem very different: an opera singer, a professional golfer and a scientist. Although very different, their impact was to popularize a field that was perceived by many to be exclusive. Mario Lanza made opera appealing for a new group of listeners. Tiger showed that golf need not be a sport just for upper class, white men. And Carl Sagan was able to translate the lofty language of science into popular culture.

Pastors often struggle with taking what can appear to be the ivory towers of theological language and ideas, and translate them into the vernacular and culture that makes sense to the people that they serve. This can be an immensely difficult task! In comparison, the work of translating Greek into English can often be easier! Of course, Jesus is our prime model. He took God's word and translated it to help his listeners understand: God is like a shepherd, or the loving father of a prodigal. He told a story about what it means to be a neighbor and likened faith to a mustard seed. But more than just telling us verbally God's message, he lived it. He **WAS AND IS** God's Word made flesh.

The call to be Christ's disciples is to continue the ministry of Jesus. To tell the gospel in ways that are applicable to our time and place. But just as significant, our lives also need to be living words of God's love.

*"I write to you, young people,
Because you are strong and the word of God abides in you." (1 John 2:14)*

- Pastor Dave

Coming up...

Sunday, April 27 - Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:15 am - Worship, Rev. Ioan Ittu, Worship Leader

11:15 am - Fellowship

Tuesday, April 29 - Noon - Winterset Alliance Benevolence Mtng.

Wednesday, April 30 - Artful Devotions

10:00 am - Coffee with Pastor Dave

4:00 pm - Bible Study

Thursday, May 1 - 7:00 pm - Property & Finance

Sunday, May 4 - Third Sunday of Easter, Older Adult Week begins

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:15 am - Worship, Rev. Dave Endriss, Communion

11:15 am - Fellowship

We pray for...

Nolan Collins

Pat Kuhns

Tish McKee

Darla Millhollin

Dean Schantz

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*

If you know of someone who is graduating, please let the office know so we can honor them in an upcoming newsletter. Email information (your name, graduate's name, relation, where graduating from and future plans if known), to churchsecretary3261@gmail.com

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Nolan Collins

May 5

Bob Kuhns

May 14

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

No known May Anniversaries

If your name has not appeared on our birthday or anniversary list, it may be because we don't have them. Please let the office know of this oversight. We really don't want to miss anyone.

An update regarding the sale of the manse:

At the annual congregational meeting in January we approved the sale of the church manse. Presbytery at its meeting has also given permission for us to sell. Since then Session has been working with the current tenants of the house who will move out on June 1. Generally, the house is in good shape but it will need a thorough cleaning before it can be put on the market. If you are interested in helping please contact a member of the Property committee. Session will then contract with a realtor. We hope to have it up for sale by the middle of June.



Let's Celebrate!
OPEN HOUSE & 30TH ANNIVERSARY

Come share good food, laughter, and unforgettable memories as we celebrate our new space together!

FRIDAY
9 AM - 11 AM
MAY 9TH
113 S. JOHN WAYNE DRIVE

Chamber Ribbon Cutting at 8:15 AM

New Location • New Logo • Same Mission

“Age puzzles me. I thought it was a quiet time. My seventies were interesting, and fairly serene, but my eighties are passionate. I grow more intense as I age. To my own surprise I burst out with hot conviction.” Florida Scott-Maxwell in *The Measure of My Days*



In 1992, the Presbyterian Church (USA) created a special emphasis week for those 65 and above.

That has evolved into Older Adult Month, observed each May. Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network (POAMN) promotes the development of older adult ministries and the value of such ministries. POAMN's mission includes nurturing the faith community, equipping leadership, and resourcing congregations and other organizations that minister to, for, and with older adults. POAMN seeks to encourage ministries that affirm the dignity and

value of the multiple generations of aging adults with a focus on spirituality, wellness, care, and social involvement. Its purpose is to educate, advocate, develop and share resources, and train leaders by raising awareness around issues facing aging adults and those who serve those aging adults, all in a covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA). POAMN is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which provides the framework for recognizing the gifts and challenges of growing older in the life of the church. POAMN has worked since 1982 to promote the development of Older Adult Ministries and the value of such a ministry within PC(USA).

This annual emphasis week is observed in the first full week of May. In 2025, the celebration begins May 4 with Older Adult Sunday.

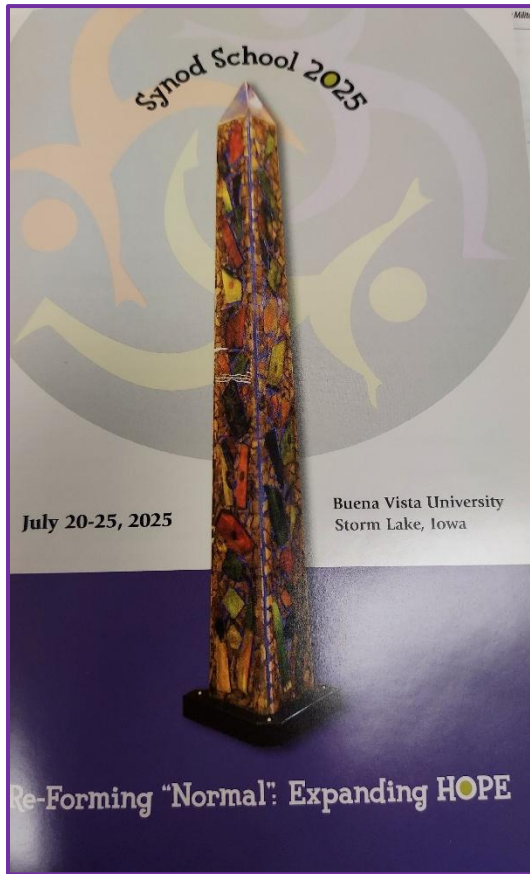
Prayer for Older Adult Week, May 4-10: *Eternal God, for the gift of this congregation, we thank you. For the seasons of life, we thank you. For the honored senior saints in our midst, we thank you. For all of us gathering together to fulfill Christ's mission, we thank you. Eternal God, we love you with grateful hearts! Amen.*

Ascension of the Lord – May 29, 2025



Forty days after the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Sunday), we remember and celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ into heaven. (See Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-11; see also Mark 16:19-20.) On this day, the church gives thanks for Christ's sovereign rule over all the earth, as well as his priestly intercession for us at the throne of mercy

(Hebrews 4:14-16). Christ is Lord of the world and head of the church, we proclaim. We too, are destined for the glory we share now in Christ only by faith. “It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him” (1 John 3:2).

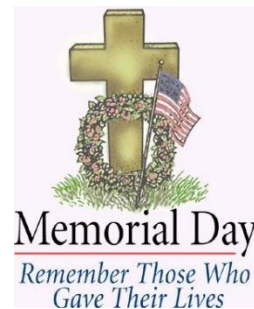


The PC(USA) Synod School in 2025 will be held from July 20-25. The event will be at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA. There is also a related event, the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky from July 28-31. Synod School is a learning and personal enrichment experience for people of all ages. We seek to create an environment of hospitality, healing, and hope. The week is designed for laity, clergy, individuals and families with classes and activities for adults, youth, and children. People come from all over the country with their friends and families to share in this week of worship, study, play, and life together. It is an opportunity to learn something new, to continue conversations begun by key speakers with

others over meals or a board game, to share talents of creativity and music, to worship without being in charge, to be energized for service, and to enjoy not having to cook for a week. Our 2025 theme is: *Re-Forming "Normal": Expanding HOPE*. Check out <https://lakesandprairies.org> where you can register and download the catalog with course descriptions, schedules, and more! Scholarships are available, (The office at First United Presbyterian Church has a couple of catalogs for anyone interested.)

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.



May 26, 2025

Save the Date!

Save the Date: Iowa Presbyterian Gathering – August 23



Join us for a day of inspiration, connection, and community at the Iowa Presbyterian Gathering on Saturday, August 23.

We're honored to welcome Rev. Tony Larson, Co-Moderator of the General Assembly, as our keynote speaker.

Stay tuned—full details and registration info are coming soon!



How did God make mothers?

Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.

Why did God make mothers?

Think about it, it was the best way to get more people.

Mainly to clean the house.

She's the only one who knows where to find the scotch tape.

Why did your mother marry your father?

My grandma says that mommy didn't have her thinking cap on.

My dad makes the best spaghetti and my mom eats a lot.

What does your mother do in her spare time?

To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

Mothers don't do spare time.

Describe the world's greatest mother.

She would make broccoli taste like ice cream!

If you could change one thing about your mother, what would it be?

I'd make my mother smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.

She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that!

MADONNA CIRCLE



May 5 ~ 10:00 am

EVENING GUILD



May 7

2:00 pm



Julia Ward Howe, a social reformer and suffragette, called for an international mothers day devoted to peace in Boston in 1872 with her Mothers' Day Proclamation. This was held in various places for ten years in June. Local reports of Sundays devoted to honoring mothers subsequently appeared throughout the country in various churches.

After the death of her mother, Ann, on the second Sunday in May 1905, her daughter, Anna

Jarvis, devoted her life to making Mothers' Day a national holiday. She was not alone in this. A popular Notre Dame coach, Frank Hering, had been giving speeches that promoted the idea as early as 1904, and a local action of temperance mothers in Albion, Michigan, also stirred their sons to enlist community leaders in advocating that a day be set aside to honor mothers. Anna Jarvis launched a letter-writing campaign and speaking tour, and Mothers' Day became officially recognized as a national holiday in 1914 with the help of John Wanamaker who saw its commercial possibilities. Anna Jarvis was so outraged at the commercialization of the holiday that she was arrested for disturbing the peace while protesting against it in 1948. She died impoverished, having spent her inheritance on advocating for Mothers' Day.

The 1960s and 70s saw the recovery of the birth of Mothers' Day in compassion, peace, and justice movements. Coretta Scott King organized a march in 1968 to draw attention to the needs of marginalized women and children. Women's groups in the 1970s used it to highlight the need for equal rights and affordable child care that at the same time granted those in child care a living wage.



By working to honor and help mothers of all kinds on this day, we honor the day's original intent—to draw attention to those women who serve as disciples of God's compassion, peace, and justice for all.

Proverbs 31:31: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Psalm 139:13-14: "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Thank you to all who donated to the Paw Pantry this Lenten season. Feel free to continue to donate! Special thanks to Alice Bishop and her Grimes Girl Scout Troop for their donations!

Also, thank you to all those who helped decorate the sanctuary for Easter. It looks beautiful!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES OF 2025 <i>"For I know the plan I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11</i>				1 7 pm. Property & Finance	2	3
4 3rd Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am Worship, Communion Rev. Dave Endriss 11:15 am Fellowship	5 10:00 am Madonna Circle	6	7 Artful Devotions 10 am Coffee 2 pm Evening Guild 4 pm Bible Study	8	9 CRISP Open House 9-11	10
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