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We are a people of faith,
called by Christ to share
God's Good News in today's
active world.



Contact Information

Please join us on Sundays
8:30am Sunday School (youth & adult)
9:15am Worship
(an unstaffed nursery is available)
10:15am – Fellowship/Coffee

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In service to the congregation, we ask that compliments, complaints or concerns please be directed to the appropriate committee chairperson as a first step.

We are sincerely, Your Church Session

NURTURE: Krisy Klyn, Bev Boyd

(Christian Ed, Christian Nurture, Missions & Evangelism)

OPERATIONS: Keith Workman, Robbin McClelland

(Building&Grounds, Financial, Technology / Office Support, Communication, Memorial)

WITNESS: Jacie Smith, Marilyn Whitmore, Jane Altman

(Worship, Technology/Sanctuary Support, Nominating)

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November 2017
Grimes First Presbyterian Church

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Jessica Wietzke, Pastor

Fall is one of my favorite times of year; you can literally see change and metamorphosis every day, from leaves, to sunsets, to fields and flowers. Fall is also one of the best times to be in our church. Our church comes alive as we celebrate the start of school, Sunday School, the blessing of the animals, and this year, our 135th anniversary. And then October comes with our annual Harvest Home Dinner, where so many volunteer to serve our community. We also celebrate our 50 year members and our Office Manager April blessing us with her presence for over a month now! I also deeply appreciate and treasure the many cards, gifts, video, cake, notes, gift cards, kind words, and hugs of support that were shown during my birthday and pastor appreciation day (especially thank you to April, who filled my office with balloons and streamers). I am very blessed to be called to this church and pray our relationship will continue to grow from strength to strength as we serve God together, work together, and witness together. One of the ways you are doing this is having prayer concerns once a month here in the newsletter and bulletin so that those who can't physically always make it to church remain in our hearts and prayers. We also just voted for our slate of elders for next year so that we have 9 elders back on session and ready to go – praise God for those whom He calls!

And here comes November as our season ramps up towards Advent. We remember those in the past year whom we have lost, who still remain with us in our pews and in our hearts (November 5th). We also honor our veterans (November 12), give thanks for God's many gifts, and examine our hearts and minds as we anticipate our stewardship for next year. We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday and collect our pledges on November 19th. And join with the Lutheran Church (at their place of worship this year) for a community Thanksgiving where I'll preach God's Word.

And we haven't even reached to December yet! Because of the calendar this year, instead of starting Advent on Thanksgiving weekend, we get 1 Sunday for Christ the King (usually lumped in with Thanksgiving). This November 26th is the last Sunday of the church year as we look forward to the return of Christ again. It's also time to get out those greens after worship, followed by a soup potluck lunch.

In this anticipation of Advent, which starts on December 3rd, we look forward to another incredible video series that Curt Klyn has found, entitled "What Child is This?". December 10th we'll have our children's program. And December 17th we'll go caroling at the nursing homes at 4pm. And finally, we come to the 4th Sunday of Advent on December 24th, which turns into Christmas Eve as the sun heads back down to the horizon as we gather at 6pm to celebrate and experience again the birth of our Lord and Savior.




Pastor Jessica

PRAYER REQUESTS

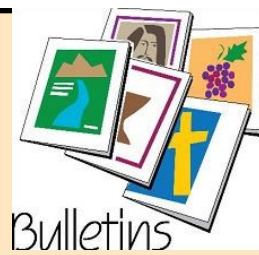
Lord hear our prayer...

May God take care of us, protect us, and bless us. If you have someone who needs lifted up in prayer, please call or email the church office. We have a **Prayer Line** available to our members and friends during the day and evening hours.



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Watch the weekly bulletins, church website
(www.grimesfirstpresbyterianchurch.org), and Facebook (search for
'Grimes Presbyterian') for updates on youth activities.



Sunday , November 5th at 7:00pm Youth Group meets: plenty of snacks and
some crafting while we talk about book of Ephesians .



Christian Education

Youth and Adult Sunday School meet at 8:30am every Sunday morning.

Youth

November 5th: Lesson 6-Miriam and Moses-We can show love to family members

November 12th: Lesson 1-In the Stable—Jesus is the Savior God promised

November 19th: Lesson 2-Follow that Star! —Jesus is the Savior God sent to all people everywhere

November 26th: NO CE—Thanksgiving weekend

Adult

November 5th: No Adult Sunday School - Gwyn is on vacation.

November 12th: Chapter 15

November 19th: Chapter 15

November 26th: No Sunday School- Thanksgiving weekend

Cross Connection

Wednesday, November 1st at 6:00-7:30pm Cross Connection meets to study Session 2, Sauce.

Looking Ahead: Children's Christmas Program

Plans are just starting to come together for this
year's Children's Christmas Program. The pro-
gram will be on Sunday, December 10th .We'd
love to have all of our church youth participate
and have fun sharing the joy of the Christmas
season with our church family.



The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Grimes, IA,
met in Regular Session on 10/03/2017 at 6pm in Fellowship
Hall. Rev. Jessica Wietzke opened with prayer and
declared a quorum present. Here are some highlights...

Pastor Report:

- Jessica plans to attend Calvin Institute Symposium on Worship – January 25-27, 2018, in Grand Rapids, MI
- Jessica plans to attend Kaleidoscope Stewardship Conference – September 24-26, 2018 in St. Louis, MO

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Operatons Committee:

- Maintenance check list will be reviewed at October meeting
- Keith will be obtaining quotes for repair to roof
- Concrete step has been repaired
- Phyllis Rosenberg is helping make event signs
- Jessica has provided an article for October Grimes Living magazine
- Working on content for updated website

Nurture Committee:

- Partnering with PW to host a meal at Ronald McDonald House
- Planning and coordinating Adopt a Military family for Christmas 2017

Witness Committee:

- Congregational Meeting will be held October 29 to elect elders Bev Boyd, Gwyn Heston, Melodee Greffe, Curt Klyn & Carl Wong
- Thanksgiving service will be at Lutheran Church on November 19. Discussion of food pantry donations for the offering at Thanksgiving service. Jessica will discuss with Lutheran pastor.
- October 29 – 50 year members will be recognized. Keith Rosenberg and Lyle Peitzman
- Jacie will send out an updated list of Ushers/Greeters and Coffee hosts and post on bulletin board
- October 8 – Linda Wong will cover children's sermon, Marilyn is worship leader, Roberta will provide sermon
- Advent candle sign up will be done in November
- Putting up of greens will be held on November 19 following worship

Old Business:

It was moved, seconded, and passed to allow Brownies to use fellowship hall for meetings. Discussion was held that April will mention to the Brownies and Girl Scouts a donation to the food pantry would be accepted but not required. April will contact Brownies and Girl Scouts and inquire as to who is the contact person for each group and who has keys to the church building and update the key inventory list.

New Business & FYI

Next meeting scheduled for November 14th at 6:00pm

DEACON'S CORNER



Fall Greetings,

The colors of fall and the delightful days are truly some of God and Mother Nature's finest work! As our Thanksgiving Holiday approaches I have a question? "God gave us a gift of 86,400 seconds today, Have you used one to say "Thank You?" "William A. Ward." We have had a busy month, making 5 home visits, 5 hospice visits, and 5 nursing home visits. We attended a visitation and funeral, and provided transportation twice. We wished Irene Wheeler, Roger Stark and Jerry Crow "Happy Birthday". We delivered a prayer quilt to Dean Ellis and a prayer shawl to Eilleen Crosby. Thank you to Joyce, Mary Lou, and Nancy for making these "Very special quilts and shawls". And finally, we had our service at Kennybrook. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. "Melody Beattle". Thanksgiving Blessings, The Deacons, Susan, Phyllis Gai, Robbin, Joyce, Bev, and Bill



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A fun fact: It is not the minutes spent at the dining table that puts on the weight; it is the seconds!