

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Jessica Wietzke, Pastor

We have an exciting couple of months during worship. Thank you to our deacons for their help on April 22<sup>nd</sup> as we highlighted the work and gifts of our deacons – they really pursue that more excellent way of loving others as servant leaders.

On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate the end of Sunday School. In worship we'll also share what our young people have learned in cross connection this year with the Boy Scout's God and Family program. Each participant will be presented with a pin and certificate.

On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll have a selection of poems and reflections, along with our young people giving out pink carnations to the women in church.

On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, we'll celebrate Pentecost with the Lighting of the Fire of Love candles, special red praise and worship sticks for young people, and we invite you to wear red that day as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. I've shared this story before, but one of my favorite memories of Pentecost is giving home communion after worship, we went to a couple who were wearing red and exciting to participate in worship even if physically they couldn't get to church. That is the power and wonder of the Spirit!

And on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, we'll remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country as we mark Memorial Day.

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and emails during my recovery – I'm very blessed and grateful to be your pastor. You're a very caring, warm, and generous church family. I have a few more weeks of healing, but am already off and running (although not literally).

*A look ahead to this summer:*

We'll have the church office closed on a few Fridays: June 1 & 22 and July 6 & 27.

On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, we'll have the Kinsers out for our annual Father's Day special worship service.

On Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll have our young people share what they learned at VBS the previous week (June 19-21), called "Follow the Leader", looking at David, Moses, and Esther. And on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, we'll celebrate the birth of our nation and this great country's heritage of freedom and justice for all.



**June 19-21, 6-8pm**

**VBS: Follow The Leader**

## 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.



**PRAYER LINE** Phone: 515-986-3720 • Email: [office@grimes1stpres.org](mailto:office@grimes1stpres.org)

**The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Grimes, IA, met in Regular Session on 4/10/18 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall.**

**Rev. Jessica Wietzke opened with prayer and**

**declared a quorum present. Here are some highlights. . .**

#### **Pastor's Report:**

##### Thank you to:

- Carl Lee for preaching
- Marilyn Whitmore & Bev Boyd for leading worship
- Curt Klyn and Melodee Grefe for giving the children's sermon
- Melodee Grefe for leading Cross Connection
- Curt Klyn for moderating the session meeting
- April Beck for working ahead and dealing with holding down the office with aplomb and grace

##### **PERSONNEL :**

- Personnel meeting met with April on April 8<sup>th</sup> for her 6 month review
- Jessica will be out / on vacation for 2 weeks on an approved leave.

#### **Nurture Committee:**

##### CE

- VBS: Gwyn and Melodee continue to prepare. Discussion was held concerning accepting donations for the Grimes Food Pantry during VBS as a mission project.
- **It was moved, seconded and passed** to accept donations for the Grimes Food Pantry during VBS as a mission project.

##### CN

- Easter Breakfast: 47 were served. \$214.00 was received as a free will offering.
- \$179.84 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing. It was deposited and April has mailed a check.

##### M&E

- Food Pantry: In April we collected 15 items for the Food Pantry. Bev Boyd and Gai Shields delivered the items.

Next Meeting: May 20th @ 10:30 am.

#### **Operations Committee:**

##### B&G

- Spec has given us a bid to fix the cracks in the parking lot at a cost of \$4522. We were unable to get any other bids for the work. The money would be raised for carpet, floors and parking lot through fund raising.
- **It was moved, seconded and passed** to accept the bid from Spec for \$4522 to repair the cracks in the parking lot and to do a fundraiser to raise the money for the parking lot.
- Kyle to strip and wax floors April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

##### TECHNOLOGY

- QB has to be upgraded to 2018 version. It has been purchased.

#### **Stewardship & Finance**

- MidAmerican rebate came in on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Next Meeting: May 6th @ 10: 30 am .

#### **Witness Committee**

- Maundy Thursday service was well received.

##### Communications

- New residents list from the water department \$10.00 a month. We will mail our postcard to new residents.
- **It was moved, seconded and passed** to spend \$10 a month+ postage to mail postcards to new Grimes residents for the remainder of the year (9 months).

Next meeting: May 19th @10:00 am in Deerfield

##### **New Business & FYI**

- Please review Updated Building use forms/pricing. Pricing, deposits, use fees paid have not been consistent with pricing brochures we have. A committee consisting of Curt Klyn and Melodee Grefe will review. Curt will send out an email on when they will meet for anyone interested in attending.
- Please review Building use form review and return to office.
- Requests for: Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Fellowship Hall.
- Requested by April Beck for open house for family for Son's graduation. 1:00pm -4:00pm. Will write check in amount of: \$135.00 (\$100.00/Hall use, \$35.00 deposit)
- **It was moved, seconded and passed** to approve the building use for April Beck for graduation reception.
- City Council member, Ryan Burger stopped in to request permission for Farmer's Market shoppers to be able to use our parking lot on Friday evening. On Friday nights they will have the Farmer's Market on the 200 block of Main Street. To promote this, they'd like to suggest our church parking lot as a place people can park (along with the community center & bankers trust). The promotion will go ahead, it's just if we want the opportunity to have our name on the ads. I think this is a great opportunity to get our name out. He said he'd be willing to talk to anyone or if anyone has questions, but they're meeting I think the same night as session. The only thing I could think of was liability, but people already park on our lot on most weekends.

**Next meeting: Tues., May 8th, 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall.**



**Youth and Adult Sunday School meet at 8:30am on Sunday mornings.**

**Youth**

**FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES**

May 6th: Last Lesson - Lesson 9 : The Two Houses - We can listen to God's Word and learn from it.



**Adult:**

May 6th: Chapter 24

This is our last Sunday School class for the year . We'll celebrate all that we have learned and shared over the past year with some snacks and fun fellowship together.

Hello May - Goodbye April

"May more than any other month of the year wants us to feel alive." Fennel Hudson

Hopefully we will get to experience the budding of the trees, the grass turning green and the blooming of the flowers. Spring really has to arrive - Right?!

The past month again has kept us busy. Seeing and visiting with you is always a joy!!

We made eighteen nursing home visits, four hospital and eight hospice visits, plus one home visit.

We delivered two prayer quilts, one to Betty Brown and one to Ron Rosenberg. May they provide not only warmth but our church's blessings.

We attended visitations, funerals and served funeral luncheons for Jeanne Blyth and Pete Peterson. They will be missed.

We will end with this Apache Blessing:

May the Sun bring you new energy by day  
May the Moon softly restore you by night  
May the Rain wash away your worries  
May the Breeze blow new strength into your being  
May you Walk gently through the world and know it's beauty all the days of your life.

The Deacons-  
Susan, Phyllis, Gai, Robbin, Bev, and Bill

P.S.  
Most people are in favor of progress, it's the changes they don't like!!

**DEACON'S CORNER**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1st	Ron Boyer	17th	Carol Crow
2nd	Jim Calvert		Dean Ellis
		26th	Marilyn Whitmore
5th	Kristy Klyn	27th	Emma Altman April Beck
11th	Sophia Young	31st	Betty Pittman
14th	Bev Boyd		

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1st	Marty & Camily Deitrick
19th	Fred & Carolyn Roth
20th	Curt & Kristy Klyn
23rd	Ben & Beth Johnston

## MAY VOLUNTEERS



**Nursery** - The nursery will be open Sunday mornings, with the speaker system 'on', so that parents can take their children (ages 4 and younger) there when needed. Please do not allow children to be unsupervised.



### Ushers/Greeters

May 6th	Brent & Jacie Smith
May 13th	Janine Jensen & Vickie Cook
May 20th	Rich & Janel DeJoode
May 27th	Phyllis Rosenberg & Susan Ballard

### Coffee Hosts

May 6th	Altman Family
May 13th	Keith & Ellen Workman
May 20th	Rich & Janel DeJoode
May 27th	Susan Ballard & Phyllis Rosenberg

### Communion Servers

**Sunday, May 6th**  
**Dana & Melodee Grefe**  
**Gwyn Heston, Marilyn Whitmore**



**Grimes**  
**city-wide garage sales:**  
**May 5th**

**Grimes**  
**spring cleanup:**  
**May 12th**



### Offering Counters

May 6th: Bill Sharp & Jacie Smith  
May 13th & 20th: Gai Shields & Keith Workman  
May 27th : Gwyn Heston & Susan Ballard

# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Brownies - 6:00pm	2 Cross Connection 6:00pm	3 PW Coffee - 8:30am @ BK	4	5
6 <i>Communion Sunday</i> Last Day of Sunday School - 8:30am Worship - 9:15am Fellowship - 10:15am 10:30am - Operations Cmte. Meeting 1-3pm - PW Mother/Daughter Tea	7	8 Session Meeting 6:00pm	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i> Worship - 9:15am Fellowship - 10:15am	14	15 Presbytery Meeting - Oskaloosa, 8:30am	16	17 PW Coffee - 8:30am @ BK	18	19 Witness Mtg 10:00am/Deerfield
20 <i>Pentecost</i> Worship - 9:15am Fellowship - 10:15am Nurture Mtg. - 10:30am <i>Ronald McDonald Event - 1:00pm</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Worship - 9:15am Fellowship - 10:15am	28 <i>Office Closed</i> Memorial Day	29	30	31	Weekly, Mon.-Fri., 9:30am to 1:30pm—Grimes Senior Meal Site is open.  Please call 986-5747 a day in advance to reserve your lunch spot.	

## **Save the Date and come Volunteer with us at Ronald McDonald House!**

How can we help??? We will be meeting at the church at 2:30 pm if you want to carpool. We will then head over to the Ronald McDonald house in Des Moines. We will provide the ingredients, prepare and serve a meal at their location. Sign up sheets will be available in Fellowship Hall soon! Keep on the look out!

Date: Sunday, May 20th

Time: 2:30pm : Meet at church for those wanting to carpool

3:00-6:00pm : Prepare food at Ronald McDonald House

6:00pm : Serve Food

Address: 1441 Pleasant St., Des Moines, IA 50314



The **mission** of RMHC is to create, find and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. A world where all children have access to medical care, and their families are supported and actively involved in their children's care.



## **Governor's Day Parade!**

Come join us in the Governor's Day Parade and help us represent our church! The Parade is June 9th at 10:00am. We will meet at the Sports Complex at 9:00 to decorate. Any interested please sign up in Fellowship Hall. We must have at least 10 people signed up by May 13th in order to participate. Please wear your First Presbyterian Church apparel on Parade Day!

We'd love for you to join us!



## **We're celebrating the women in our church!**

Sunday, May 6th • 1:00-3:00pm  
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

### **PW's Annual Mother/Daughter Tea**

If you choose, you may bring a guest - mother, daughter, aunt, best friend, etc.

Reservations are now being taken in the church office (please call), or sign up on the 'Reservations' sheet outside the church office. **For planning purposes, Sunday, April 29th will be the last day to reserve your spot.**

*Hope to see you there!*

A big thank you to everyone who sent me cards and made hospital visits. I am slowly getting better , just takes time. Don't know when I will get back to church. Once again, thanks to everyone you are a great group of people.

~Ron Rosenberg

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Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer blanket, for all the visits and prayers. It means so much to me.

~Betty Brown

To the Ladies of the church. Words cannot express our appreciation for all of your kind words, prayers, visits and uplifting of Dad. You were such a presence and we are grateful! Thank you for helping with the luncheon and desserts!

Love,

~The Peterson Family

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We would like to thank everyone for making our 40th Anniversary so special. Your gifts, cards and wishes were so appreciated. We are blessed to be part of such a wonderful church family.

Thank you!

~Carl & Gaylene Lee



THANK YOU! To **Carl Lee** for filling the Pulpit while Jessica was gone! We are so very thankful that we have you to help us while Jessica is away! You do an amazing job! Many Thanks!!!

Also a great big GIANT Thanks to **Kyle Rosenberg** for stripping and waxing our floors in Fellowship Hall! Everyone at the church appreciates all your effort and hard work. Our floors look AMAZING! Thanks so much Kyle!!!

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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

**Pastor** - Jessica Wietzke

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**Custodian** – Kyle Rosenberg

**Organist** – Colene Townsend

**Pianist** – Nancy Mitchell

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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: Kristy Klyn, Bev Boyd,  
Gwyn Heston, Melodee Grefe**

*(Christian Ed, Christian Nurture,  
Missions & Evangelism)*

**Operations: Keith Workman,  
Curt Klyn**

*Buildings & Grounds: Keith  
Workman, Stewardship & Finance:  
Curt Klyn, Technology: Bob  
Heston, Memorial: Susan Ballard*

**Witness: Marilyn Whitmore,  
Carl Wong, Robbin McClelland**

*(Worship, Technology/Sanctuary  
Support, Communication,  
Nominating)*