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Contact Information

Please join us on Sundays

9:15am Worship
10:15am – Fellowship/Coffee

Pastor - Jessica Wietzke
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Office Manager – April Beck
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Clerk of Session – Susan Ballard
Financial Sec. – Melodee Grefe
Treasurer ~ Bev Boyd
Custodian – Kyle Rosenberg
Organist – Colene Townsend
Pianist – Nancy Mitchell

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(chair)**
Bev Boyd, Gwyn Heston,
Melodee Grefe, Ellen Workman
(*Christian Ed, Christian Nurture, Missions & Evangelism*)

Operations: **Melodee Grefe(chair)**
Buildings & Grounds: Dana Grefe
Stewardship & Finance: Melodee Grefe
Technology: Bob Heston
Memorial: Susan Ballard

Witness: **Carl Wong(chair),**
Ellen Workman
(*Worship, Technology/Sanctuary*
Support, Communication, Nominating)

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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.



November 2019 presbits

Grimes First Presbyterian Church

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Rev. Jessica Wietzke, Pastor

As we come, thankful people, we offer to God a life that overflows with abundance, generosity, gratitude, and grace. And we see that here in the life of our church. Below are but a few reasons during this harvest season to be glad and rejoice in God's gracious and generous gifts in our families, church, community, nation, and world.

Thank you for Pastor Appreciation Sunday, for sharing the light and spreading the joy of Christ. I am so blessed and overflowing with thanksgiving whenever I think of you, God's letter to the world. Thank you to those whose creativity sparkles and shines through details and drama, pictures, gifts, and flowers, and best of all – lots of hugs and sheep! For the cards, flowers, and so much more, thank you!

On All Saints Sunday, November 3rd, we remember the people in our lives who have nurtured us in faith and life. Some of these saints we have known personally and intimately; others are generations removed from us but laid the paths that we follow today. This day is also a reminder that God can be found in the ordinary tasks and daily encounters of life. All Saints Sunday is an opportunity to give thanks for the fact that God's saints are in our midst each day, and to remember the legacy they leave for us to follow and learn from.

And finally, hard to believe, but Advent is almost here! While the stores are already teeming with goodies to buy, we welcome this time of preparation before Christmas and Christ arrives. This year our Advent Video series helps us look at the gifts of Christ: Adoption, Expectancy, Reconciliation, Grace, and Jesus. Our Advent Candle Light Readings will take us to the book of Revelation, in which we hear the call in the Christmas story to also remember that there are two comings of Christ – one over 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem, and the other for which we wait expectantly for Him to come again in Glory.

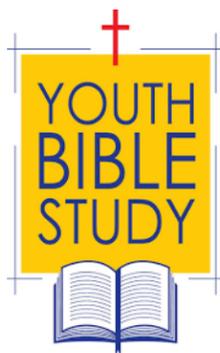
Blessings,

Pastor Jessica Wietzke



Wednesday, November 6th, 6:00pm

Wednesday Warriors is Wednesday, **Nov. 6th @ 6:00pm!** This is an Intergenerational gathering! All are welcome and encouraged to attend as we learn important Bible lessons, while enjoying great food and fellowship! We will look at the coming of Jesus.



Explore the Bible at our Youth Bible Study! It's a great time of growth with young people and God. We'll meet at 10:45am in Pastor Jessica's office. This Bible study meets once a month on the dates listed here. This is for youth, 3rd grade through High School .

Sunday, November 3rd
Sunday, December 8th
Sunday, January 5th
Sunday, February 2nd
Sunday, March 1st
Sunday, April 5th
Sunday, May 3rd



Sunday, November 10th, Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day Service. Join us as we celebrate and pay tribute to Veterans during a meaningful service. Any Veterans interested are encouraged to ring our church bell that day as well. Thank you to our Veterans for all that they have done to serve our country.

Saturday, November 16th, Pie Sale

PW PIE SALE is Saturday, November 16th! Please remember to pick up any pies you have ordered. PW ladies and helpers will be here to happily distribute them to you from 9:30am-11:00am! Pie prices are \$9.00 each, Crusts are \$1.00 each & globs are \$0.50 each. Thank you so much for supporting this important PW event! **Questions?? Please call:**

Phyllis Rosenberg (986-3754) ~ Susan Ballard (979-0159)

OR

April in the church office (986-3720)

(or email: office@grimes1stpres.org)

Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00am

Join us for our November story time and craft hour! Our theme this month is **THANKSGIVING!** Story and craft time is held from 10:00am -11:00am in Fellowship Hall. Children of all ages welcome. **PLEASE RSVP** asap so I can have proper head count for snacks, crafts and goody bags! Thanks so much!
~April Beck

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Grimes, IA, met in Regular Session on 10/08/2019 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Jessica Wietzke opened with prayer and declared a quorum present. Here are some highlights. . .

PASTOR'S REPORT

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Building and Grounds:

- **Pew Covers:** Pledges have been received to cover the cost. The contract has been signed and a down payment made. We are hoping the new covers will be installed by Christmas. The wood on the pews will need to be cleaned prior to the installation of the covers.
- **Sidewalk/Concrete Project:** The sidewalk project has been completed and pledges received covered the cost. The mud jacking is completed and \$400 will be withdrawn from Edward Jones Building Fund to cover the cost.
- **Stacking Oven for Kitchen:** Brent Smith is researching the cost of a stacking oven to replace the old stove in the kitchen. The cost will be covered by an anonymous donation.
- **Snow Removal:** Ryan Schmitt, RMS Lawncare, will do our snow removal again in 2020.

Technology

- A motion was made to order a new head microphone and hand microphone to be purchased from the Memorial Fund for approximately \$400. Motion passed.

Stewardship and Finance:

Tim Short, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

- Tim Short, along with Bob Heston, led a discussion with Session members regarding the churches finances held by Edward Jones. The following topics were discussed:
- A review of the Portfolio Analysis.
- Review of the history of past investments. (Highly aggressive investments.)
- Review of Investment Return Analysis.
- Review of the holdings for Buildings and Grounds
- The Finance Committee will meet and review all alternatives regarding the holdings and get back with Tim.
- **Board of Pensions:** An Appeal has been sent to the Board of Pensions to request incorrect records be updated to reflect Pastor Jessica's full time status since she has been employed with us.
- **Insurance-Background Checks:** If you want a background check in order to be in compliance to work with children at the church, please contact Melodee. The cost is approximately \$7.50.

NURTURE COMMITTEE:

- **Operation Christmas Child:** Donations will be \$9.00 for each shoe box.
- **Grimes Giving Tree:** Will request 45 tags for the congregation to purchase gifts for local children.

Christian Ed/Sunday School/Youth

- The Youth Christmas Program will be held on December 15th. Santa will be in attendance.

Missions and Evangelism:

- Bev Boyd delivered 99 items to the Grimes Storehouse.
- Homeless Shelter: We served lunch at the Homeless Shelter on October 16th.

WITNESS COMMITTEE:

- Communion Servers: Robbin will secure Elders to serve in November and December.

- **Reflective Readings:** Carl and Ellen will review readings and line up readers for November, and December.
- **Pulpit Supply:** Carl Lee will be preaching on November 24th. Pastor Jessica is looking for someone to preach on November 17th.
- **Thanksgiving Eve Service:** Pastor Jessica spoke with Pastor Mark Schlenker at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and due to poor attendance last year, there will not be a Thanksgiving Eve Service this year.

- **Advent:** December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

- **Music:** Discussion regarding backup music in the event Coleen and Nancy are both out at the same time. Possibilities include records for the doxology and the Gloria Patria.

Nominating Committee

- **Class of 2021 Elders:** The following three people have agreed to be the Class of 2021 Elders: Robbin McClelland, Brent Smith, and Carl Wong.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next Session meeting: Tuesday, November 12th, 6:30pm

DEACON'S CORNER



November Greetings

As November unfolds let us enjoy the crisp mornings, glorious colors, and hopefully none of the white stuff-snow! Also this month brings our Thanksgiving Holiday - the holiday of expressing our thanks and gratitude for our blessings.

One blessing the Deacons enjoy is our time with you. We made seven nursing home visits and four home visits. With our Pastor we gave one home communion. We delivered a prayer shawl to Donna Stark and birthday wishes were given to Jerry Crow and Irene Wheeler "99 years young." We also served lunch at the homeless shelter, providing desserts.

Thanksgiving Blessings to all

The Deacons

Susan, Phyllis, Gai, Robbin, Bev and Bill

No need to count calories this holiday - Just count your Blessings!!

