

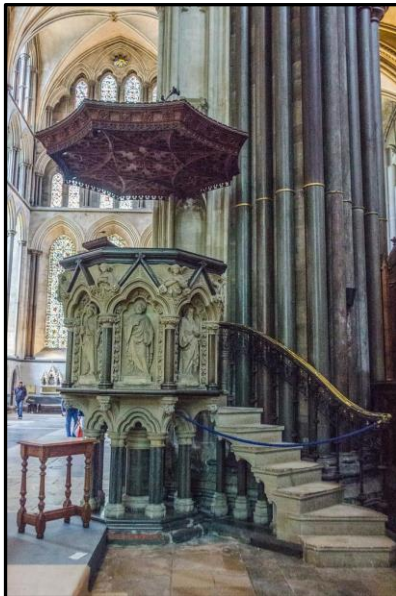


THE STEEPLE

October 2023 **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.



One of my favorite cathedrals in England is in Salisbury which isn't far from where my wife used to live. The picture to the left is of the pulpit in that cathedral. The preacher has to climb a small set of stairs to enter the pulpit. Arraigned around the edge of the pulpit, are six beautifully sculpted figures (three of which you can see in the picture.). They are Elijah, Noah, Jonah, John the Baptist, Paul and Peter. Can you imagine what it would be like to preach with those six great prophets of scripture surrounding you? Inspiring, yet intimidating and sobering. The preacher in Salisbury truly is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses! (Hebrews 12:1)

Each Sunday, we come to church and we have the audacity to believe that we are there to hear God's Word – read and spoken. In faith we believe that God's Spirit is present, revealing that message that God has for us that day.

On the wall in my office, right next to the door, is one of my favorite quotes from the great preach Martin Lloyd-Jones. He said, *“To me, there is nothing more terrible for a preacher, than to be in the pulpit alone, without the conscious smile of God.”* What is true for the preacher is also true for every person in the church. To approach God's Word alone, without the smiling presence of God, would be frighteningly tragic.

This is why the first step in any Bible study is to pray. Pray for wisdom. Pray for guidance. Pray for insight. Pray for God's Spirit, who inspired the original writing of these words so many years ago, to inspire them afresh once again in our lives.

Of course, in our building, we have few of those beautiful representations of the saints of old. Nevertheless, they are watching. Even more significant, God is present.

Pastor Dave



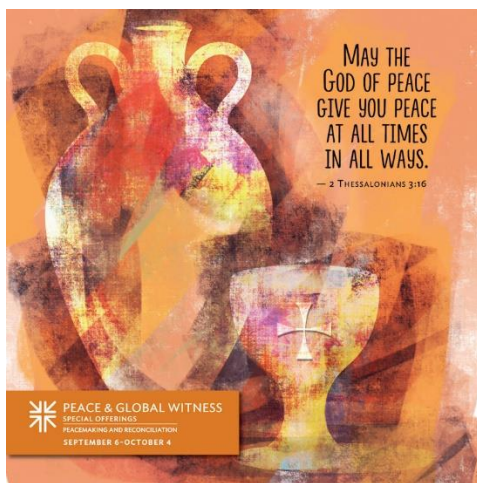
World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor.

John A. Dalles, a PCUSA pastor who has researched the history of World Communion Sunday notes this in his blog entry, reprinted from the October 7, 2002, issue of *Presbyterian Outlook*:

Davitt S. Bell (the late Clerk of Session and church historian at Shadyside) recalled that Dr. Kerr first conceived the notion of World Communion Sunday during his year as moderator of the General Assembly (1930). Dr. Kerr's younger son, the Rev. Dr. Donald Craig Kerr, who is pastor emeritus of the Roland Park Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, was sixteen in 1933. He has related that World Communion Sunday grew out of the Division of Stewardship at Shadyside. It was their attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another. When I asked Donald Kerr how the idea of World Communion Sunday spread from that first service to the world wide practice of today, this is what he replied,



“The concept spread very slowly at the start. People did not give it a whole lot of thought. It was during the Second World War that the spirit caught hold, because we were trying to hold the world together. World Wide Communion symbolized the effort to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”



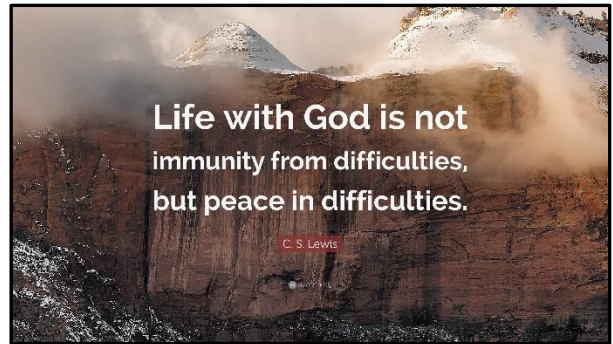
Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread. Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the world, demonstrating that the church founded on Jesus

Christ peacefully shares God-given goods in a world increasingly destabilized by globalization and global market economies based on greed. In addition, through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and

commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us. 25% of the Offering stays with local congregations, and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Please give as you are able this Sunday.



Sunday School – 9:00 am
Worship – 10:15 am
Fellowship – 11:15 am



We pray for...

Nolan Collins
Carla Davies Terhune
Mike Dickerson
Pat Dickerson
Hal Jackson
Sally Leeper
Tish McKee
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*

We have had a busy fall at the CRISP office. I wanted to share with you that our SchoolSupplies4Kids (SS4K) program was a great success. We provided school supplies and backpacks to 170 Madison county children attending Winterset, I35 and Earlham schools.

We could not have done it without you and your ongoing support!!! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Over the next month we will be working on our Christmas4Kids Program. Thank you again!

Kathleen Rush
Program Director

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 1 – 10:15 AM
World Communion Sunday
Rev. Dave Endriss
Worship Leader

October 8 – 10:15 AM
Paul Millhollin
Worship Leader

October 15 – 10:15 AM
Donna Vaughan
Worship Leader

October 22 – 10:15 AM
Kevin de Regnier
Worship Leader

October 29 – 10:15 AM
Rev. Dave Endriss
Worship Leader

BIRTHDAYS

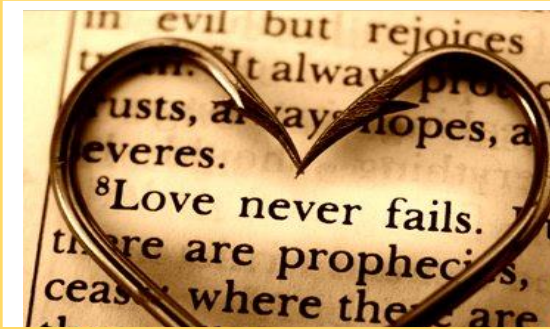


Don Stanley	Oct 4
Kim Walker	Oct 5
Hunter Pashek	Oct 9
Mike Dickerson	Oct 10
Shane Pashek	Oct 11
Pam Deichmann	Oct 14
Alexis Willcox	Oct 16
Donna Vaughan	Oct 24
Mark Smith	Oct 31

ANNIVERSARIES



Shane & Ann Pashek	Oct 8
Mark & Nicole Smith	Oct 18



It's that time again and we are doing the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Boxes will be available for pickup beginning **October 22nd**. Pick up one or two, then enjoy the fun of packing the boxes with great gifts for a child! Please remember to include the \$10.00 donation per box which covers the shipping cost. Boxes will be dedicated in worship on November 5.



Even though the CROP WALK is over, you can still contribute through October 8. See Brian Dickerson or JoAnn Collins to donate! Thank you!



Holiday Hop ~ November 18

Tell your neighbors and friends, this is going to be a fun event!

Baked goods, homemade items, gently-used Christmas items

Make plans now to make something for the Hop and/or volunteer to help!

If you have any questions, please give Rae de Regnier a call at

515-468-1498 or Gaylene Blankers at 515-468-0619.



SESSION

The session is the governing council for the local church in Presbyterian polity. The word "session" comes from *sessio*, Latin for "to sit" as in sitting to deliberate or talk about something.

Class of 2023

Paul Millhollin
Ruth Reed

Class of 2024

Kevin de Regnier
Joe Ekdahl
Tish McKee

Class of 2025

Pam Deichmann
Lori Ryner

Rev. Dave Endriss

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revendriss@gmail.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Closed Friday

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Steve Walker, Custodian



There will be a PW meeting following church on Sunday, October 8. All women of the church are encouraged to attend!

Pastor Dave would like to meet with you!

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office to make an appointment. Pick a Wednesday afternoon when you'd like to get together, either at your home or in my office. Let's get to know each other!



Join Pastor Dave on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for a Bible study that looks

at Christian Art History. This study will run through October 25 and will look at Art History from the Early Christian era through the Reformation. There will be lots of pictures, discussion and a fun time! Bring a sack dinner and enjoy this time of fellowship and learning!



Stir Your Coffee
At the Steeple
Wednesdays
at 10am

Join with the pastor every Wednesday morning for an informal time of fellowship and coffee. There is no agenda except to enjoy each other's company. Bring a snack to share if you like, but it is not required!

A big thank you to the Progressive Meal planners; and the Newton's, Berdine's, and Stanley's for hosting and to food providers; and the Hargrove's for the wonderful music. A good time was had and all think we should do it again!



"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year."

CHAD SUGG

womens day

OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>18th Sunday after Pentecost World Communion Sunday Rev. Dave Endriss 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.  Worship 11:15 am Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Madonna Circle</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10-11 am Coffee 11:30 am Bus Tour Lunch 4:00 p.m. Evening Guild 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Property & Finance </p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>19th Sunday after Pentecost Paul Millhollin 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 am Fellowship PW Mtng. after church</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10-11 am Coffee 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  Covered Bridge Festival
<p>15</p> <p>20th Sunday after Pentecost Donna Vaughan 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 am Fellowship</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10-11 am Coffee 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>STEEPLE ARTICLES DUE </p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>21st Sunday after Pentecost Kevin de Regnier 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 am Fellowship Shoeboxes available</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  6:30 p.m. Session Meeting	<p>25</p> <p>10-11 am Coffee 5:30 pm Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>22nd Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Dave Endriss 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 11:15 am Fellowship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				