



# THE STEEPLE

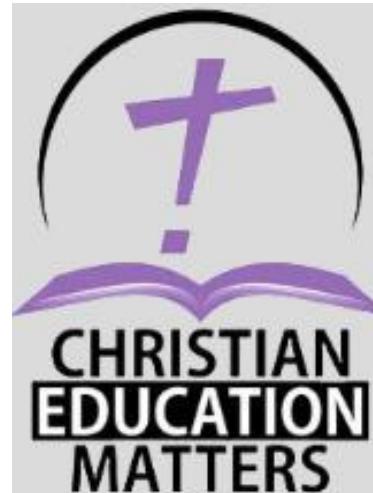
September 2023 FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTERSSET, 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.*

As I write this article this morning, many of the young people in our community are getting ready to go back to school. There are a few who are eager to return and others who are dragging their feet. I suspect the majority of them are somewhere in the middle: ready, but not overly enthusiastic about the prospect of seeing teachers and homework.

Adults realize (and most students if they are pressed) that school is not a “necessary evil” but an essential aspect of life. While we want to be careful *not* to equate a child’s worth with how well they do at school, we do affirm the importance of a balanced and well-developed education. Further, many adults find it necessary not only for their professional development but for their personal growth to continue their education through reading, night classes and annual study seminars. Commuting frequently between Indianola and Winterset, I have been enjoying an audio lecture series on Persian history. Conveniently, these lectures are just the exact length it takes me to make the 30-minute drive!



Why then do we find it so hard to apply this same kind of thinking to our Christian lives? Are not the lessons that God teaches us worth learning? Or are they of less value than reading, writing and arithmetic? John Oxenham, who wrote the hymn, “*In Christ There is No East or West*” penned these words:

*They only truly live, Who pass into the life beyond, and see  
This earth is but a school preparative, For higher ministry.*

Consider Christian Education as an integral part of your on-going life of learning. This fall, opportunities for us to get together to study God’s Word will start. Consider joining one of these classes. Even the apostle Paul understood that he was not done learning:

*Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*  
(Philippians 3:13-14)

- Pastor Dave



**SEPTEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**REGISTRATION: 2:00 P.M.**  
**WALK: 3:00P.M.**

The annual **Madison County CROP Walk** is scheduled for Sunday, September 24, 2023. Registration begins at 2:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church with the actual walk beginning at 3:00 pm. (And there are refreshments AFTER the walk!) Please consider helping with CROP walk, as it's a wonderful display of church fellowship and cooperation. You can be the church representative next year, sign up to raise funds, be a walker, donate non-perishable items (collection box available soon), just to name a few things. There IS a job for everyone, so don't be shy! Contact JoAnn Collins at 515-462-3998 for information.

Some history for you to consider as you decide how to help:

CROP stands for "Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty" under the guidance of Church World Services. Our Madison County community resurrected the CROP Walk seventeen years ago under the leadership of Linda Armstrong (First Christian Church). Volunteers from area churches began meeting in June of each year to discuss past walks and to plan the "last/fourth Sunday of September" event. Typically 5+ churches get involved.

Up to 25% of the money raised stays within our community and helps the Multi-Purpose Center/Matura provide for their clients. The remaining money is disbursed through Church World Services to provide hunger relief in the U.S. and around the world. Some projects also provide tools to help communities obtain drinkable water, (did you know some people have to walk miles just to GET water for their families?)

This year the committee decided to donate the non-perishables to Paw Pantry. Your September donations to the grocery cart will help so much!

JoAnn Collins has served as our church's representative for all seventeen years and Brian Dickerson has been our biggest fundraiser! Our church has been the second largest fundraiser a few years, AND was second in the canned goods donation a few times. Many thanks to our generous congregation and other supporters (because Brian leave NO stone unturned).

The traveling trophy for the church that raises the most money has stayed with St. Paul Lutheran for years, while the award for the church contributing the most canned goods has stay with First Christian since its inception. It is always possible that another church will vault over these results in any year, is it our year?

Please help our church to get more involved!

Thank you for your continued support!





We pray for...

Nolan Collins

Pat Dickerson

Hal Jackson

Sally Leeper

Tish McKee

Those affected by the Maui fires  
& the West Coast storms

Those affected by Hurricane Idalia

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*

### BIRTHDAYS

<b>Maxwell Landers</b>	<b>Sept 1</b>
<b>Macy Landers</b>	<b>Sept 2</b>
<b>Jake Al-Mazroa</b>	<b>Sept 6</b>
<b>Maven Smith</b>	<b>Sept 11</b>
<b>Pat Kuhns</b>	<b>Sept 12</b>
<b>Brian Dickerson</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>
<b>Layla Neal</b>	<b>Sept 13</b>
<b>Taylor Pashek</b>	<b>Sept 15</b>
<b>Ted Gorman</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>
<b>Jaelyn Orton</b>	<b>Sept 17</b>
<b>Steve Walker</b>	<b>Sept 21</b>
<b>Ruth Wagley</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Joe & Jen Orton**      **Sept 17**

**Please let the office know of any  
changes to this list. Thank you!**

Paw Pantry needs: shampoo & conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, body wash, tooth brushes and hairbrushes. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Thank you!

### **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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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm

Closed Friday

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Steve Walker, Custodian

### **MADONNA CIRCLE**

**September 11 – 7:00 pm**



### **EVENING GUILD**



**September 6 – 4:00 pm**



*Please accept this donation for the use of the church on July 29 for our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Rae de Regnier was co-host and she did an excellent job getting the church ready for our celebration.*

*- Ray & Marcia Jones*



**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!

**Stir Your Coffee at the Steeple Begins Wednesday, September 13**

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*Progressive Dinner*



*You are invited to the Church's Fall Progressive Dinner on Saturday, September 16,*

*4:30-7:00PM. Our hosts this year are:*

*1. Elaine and Robert Newton for Hors d'oeuvres @4:30pm*

*2. Sharon and Ron Berdine for Main Entree @5:15pm*

*3. Kay and Don Stanley for Dessert with Special Gospel Music by David Hargrove and his wife @ 6:30pm*

*Everyone is Welcome. Also each host will need a couple of volunteers to assist them; so let them know if you can help. Plan to bring a lawn chair during dessert. Sign-up sheets (with addresses) are located in the fellowship hall if you plan to attend and/or need a ride. Questions? Contact Pam Deichmann 515-462-3277.*

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Most people would agree that Labor Day marks the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Maybe to you Labor Day is a time for parties, parades, and other celebrations. Maybe it's a time to stop wearing white. Maybe it's a time of rest, and hopefully a time to pause, remember and appreciate the workforce in our nation that has contributed to making our nation great.

Work is important, but so also is rest. As Christians, we find our rest, not in a day but in the Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 4). Yet, a break from work is important for our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. God prescribed a day of rest for our benefit. So in this fast-paced world, when everything seems to move at a 24/7 rate of business, take time to rest.

God foreordained such a day, but not just once a year. Following God's six days of work in creation, God rested. On Labor Day, remember the labor force that has gone before and has made America a stronger, more prosperous nation. Determine to set a weekly "labor day," when you make time for physical, mental, and emotional rest and rejuvenation. In that rest, remember the Lord and give thanks for God's goodness and provisions in your life. Work is an important part of life...but so also is rest.

[Matthew 11:28](#) *"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

[Matthew 11:29](#) *"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*



## Fall Schedule

Join us for our last summer worship on Sunday, September 3, 9:00 am. Paul Millhollin will be worship leader with his message, "Heap Those Coals!" Our scriptures are Romans 12:9-21 and Matthew 16:21-28. On Sunday, September 10

we will begin our fall schedule:

9 am - Adult Sunday School

Come join us as we study Life Lessons found in scripture. Each Sunday is a new lesson.

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

11:15 am - Fellowship

*"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar."*

*- Delia Owens, Where the Crawdads Sing*

# SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <b>3</b> <b>Paul Millhollin</b> 9:00 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 10:00 AM <b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>4</b> <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b> 	5	4:00 pm Evening Guild	7:00 pm Property & Finance	8	9
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <b>10</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Dave Endriss</b> 9:00 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 10:15 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:15 AM <b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Madonna Circle	12	10:00 am Stir Your Coffee at the Steeple	14	15	<b>16</b> Progressive Dinner 4:30 – 7 pm
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <b>17</b> <b>Dave Endriss</b> 9:00 AM <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> 10:15 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:15 AM <b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	18	19	10:00 am Stir Your Coffee at the Steeple	<b>21</b> OCTOBER STEEPLE DEADLINE 	22	23
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <b>24</b> <b>Donna Vaughan</b> 9:00 AM <b>SUNDAY</b> <b>SCHOOL</b> 10:15 AM <b>WORSHIP</b> 11:15 AM <b>FELLOWSHIP</b> 3:00 PM CROP WALK	25	6:30 pm SESSION	10:00 am Stir Your Coffee at the Steeple	28	29	30

*“Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go.”*