

# THE PULSE

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES - 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:30 A.M.

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## A Note from Pastor Paul

There's no doubt about it—there is a ton of fear and anxiety in the air. And there may be some good reasons for it—the threat of trade wars, and its effect on the ag economy; the on-going threat of rogue nations with nuclear arms; the lingering madness of gun violence in our schools and streets; a looming constitutional crisis. But you also have to admit that politicians, bloggers, TV pundits and talk radio voices—from the left, right, and sometimes even the center—do their share to keep the anxiety and fear level at an all-time fever pitch.



Perhaps nothing is more important than for the Christian church to give witness to an alternative to fear-mongering. And we can do that without ignoring or dismissing the real dangers in the world that threaten to sink all our boats.

As an alternative to fear, Christians are called in this Easter season (and at all times) to proclaim resurrection hope. Easter is about more than just showing up for church on Easter Sunday, decorating our sanctuary with Easter lilies, and singing "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today." All of that is good and beautiful and a necessary part of our witness to the world, but it doesn't end there. The energy of Easter Sunday is just the beginning, and propels us forward into the rest of the year, the rest of our lives.

We are called not only to *proclaim* that Jesus Christ is risen, we are called to *live* as though it were true. And if it is true, it means that the suffering love of Jesus Christ wins out over all the fear and violence and hatred that were heaped upon him. It means that even our real fears and our real anxieties do not have the last word; fear and anxiety lose their power over our lives and the lives of those in our community. It means that we have the seeds of hope and life already planted in our world, and we can choose to nurture them and bring them to full growth.

It means that God is still at work in this world and in our time, to bring the whole creation, including those who have suffered and those who inflict suffering, those who are anxious and fearful and those who feed our fears and anxieties, the wolves and lambs, the sheep and goats, the innocent and the guilty—the whole ball of tattered yarn—back into a redeemed creation shaped by *Shalom*.

Practice Resurrection!

## Upcoming Dates

### Wednesday, May 15

Bible Study — 10:20 am

Youth & Family Ministry Team — 6:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal — 7:00 pm

### Thursday, May 16

Meals on Wheels

Appreciation Brunch — 9:30 am

Special Needs & Endowment

Ministry Team — 2:00 pm

Deacons — 7:00 pm

### Sunday, May 19

Lighthouse Kids — 9:00 am

BLAST — 9:00 am

Adult Education — 9:00 am

Worship — 10:30 am

Congregational Meeting — 11:30 am

### Wednesday, May 22

Bible Study — 10:20 am

### Thursday, May 23

Session — 7:00 pm

### Saturday, May 25

Eat, Pray, Love Group — 9:00 am

### Sunday, May 26

Worship — 10:30 am

### Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed!



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## Upcoming Dates

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Wednesday, May 29

Bible Study — 10:20 am

Sunday, June 2

*Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank Sunday*

Worship with Communion — 10:30 am

70th Anniversary Open House  
for Earl & Shirley Opheim

1:30 pm — 3:30 pm



Monday, June 3

“Pulse” Newsletter Articles Due — 12 Noon

Tuesday, June 4

Community Kitchen — 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 5

Bible Study — 10:20 am

Once most of the memorials have been received, the family is contacted to discuss use of the funds. The family is told about current needs and the family may decide on one of these. Memorials may sometimes be grouped to provide the full amount needed. Other times the family will decide to let the church decide how the money will be used and funds will be designated for the Undesignated Special Needs Fund. This fund is used to provide money for special needs that are beyond the church’s budget. In the last year, the Undesignated Special Needs Fund has been used for air conditioning, boiler and roof repairs.

Recent memorials were used for the following

In the Sanctuary:

- The wireless microphones and lavalier microphone were replaced with funds in memory of Bruce Dunker.
- The sound system in the Sanctuary was upgraded with memorials for Ed Kennedy.
- The Communion Table was replaced using memorial funds for Dick Attleson and the Rev. Don Simmonds.
- The Baptismal Font was replaced with funds in memory of Dr. David Little.

In the Friendship Room, another round table and four chairs plus two high top tables were purchased with memorial gifts for Ruth Dalton.

In the Fellowship Hall, a number of folding chairs, damaged after years of use, are being replaced using memorial gifts for Jim Mock.

All these items have been purchased without using the church’s budget, thanks to the memorial gifts.

In the pew racks are the Special Needs and Endowment Brochures. You are encouraged to take a copy home. If you have questions after reading it, get in touch with me or one of the other committee members.

Two Presbyterian Foundation booklets, “Composing a Legacy” and an “Estate Planning Workbook” are available in the church office.

Finally, since this **IS** Wills Emphasis Sunday, I want to encourage you to put the church in your will. A bequest to the church is a gift that keeps on giving.

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## Congregational Meeting

There will be a brief congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, May 19, to hear a report on the way forward concerning the removal of the steeple and repair of the roof. If possible, we will also hear from our Nominating Committee, and elect a slate of new Elders and Deacons.



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## Moment for Wills Emphasis

Diane Trimble

Each year for Wills Emphasis Sunday the Special Needs and Endowment Team Ministry focuses on an aspect of its work. This year I’m going to talk about the committee’s responsibility for receiving memorial gifts and how some recent memorials have been used.

The memorials gifts are set aside in the Special Needs Fund until a decision has been made for the use of the money. Each donor receives a thank you letter from the church whether the gift comes directly to the church or to the family.

## 2019 Senior Celebrations

### Hannah Hill

Saturday, June 1  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
18467 280th Street  
Mason City, IA

### Carly Seeck

Saturday, June 1  
4:00 - 7:00 pm  
17736 280th Street  
Mason City, IA



## Show Your Presbyterian PRIDE!

The Membership and Outreach Team is selling t-shirts with the new logo on them! We will have a table set up between the Sanctuary and the Friendship Room each Sunday until May 26. The cost is \$15 for adult sizes, and \$10 for youth sizes. Samples will be there to view. Stop by and take peek! :)



The last day to order at this price will be May 26. Printing costs go up on June 1. Contact Kathy Stephens or any other member of the committee for any questions.

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## ARW Conference Recap - Nate

I attended the *Art, Recreation, & Worship Conference* at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina last week and wanted to express my thankfulness for the commitment by our congregation to support our continuing education. I was able to relax, grow and experience God's creation thanks to all of you. I'll be looking forward to sharing what I found during this week and hope it blesses our ministry together.

Thanks again!



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## Adult Forum News

On Sunday, May 19 at 9:00 am, we will end this year of Forum experiences by spending an hour reviewing this past year and planning for next year's programming. We welcome everyone's input as we review what has been interesting and informative up to now and consider directions to take when we gather again at the end of summer. Please join us!

Last week, when we were honored to hear one family's personal experience with organ donation, we were encouraged to take these steps in making organ donation a reality in our own lives:

- 1) Become an organ donor by having that noted on your driver's license and/or hunting/fishing license (now possible through Logan's Law).
- 2) Make sure that your family members know that you desire to be an organ donor to facilitate that happening when the time comes.

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## Get Registered for Camp!

Registration is OPEN for all camps over at the Lakeshore Center at Okoboji for this summer!

Head over to their website at

[www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.com](http://www.lakeshorecenteratokoboji.com)

FPC-MC will cover **50% of the registration cost** for anyone in our church and any of their friends.

Just enter the code **FPCM2019** and it will automatically cut your cost in HALF!



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## 70th Wedding Anniversary Open House for Earl & Shirley Opheim

Earl & Shirley Opheim will celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on May 22, 2019.

You are invited to come to an open house in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, June 2 between 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm** to greet Shirley and Earl. Cards may be sent to

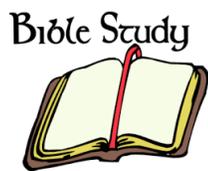
2060 South Kentucky Ave., Apt. 407  
Mason City, IA 50401

*Happy Anniversary!*

## Wednesday Bible Study Readings

Wednesdays at 10:20 am

Come join us in the Friendship Room as we look at the upcoming Sunday scripture. We laugh, share, and learn about God working in us. What a wonderful way to enjoy Bible study!



### May 22

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

### May 29

Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

### June 6

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

## May / June Birthdays

**May 17** — Helen Findley

**May 20** — Stan Zinnel

**May 23** — Kelly Ulrich

**May 27** — Coni Samsel

**May 28** — Ann Hanes

**May 29** — Kaylee Ostrander

**May 30** — Lee Butler

**June 4** — Lucretia Green

**June 8** — Shelby Helps

**June 10** — Lanie Ruge

**June 13** — Don Hofstrand

**June 16** — Ella Hertzell

**June 19** — Paula Gahn

**June 20** — Yvonne Herlitzka

**June 27** — Ruth Reardon

**June 29** — Bob Lind

Happy  
Birthday

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## Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- + Shirley Opheim
- + Ruth Anderson
- + Lee Butler
- + Eunice Mechler, mother-in-law of Heidi Mechler
- + Lois Dougan
- + Shirley Dean
- + Steve Adair
- + Julie Eaton, daughter of Lee and Judy Butler
- + Brian Elliott



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## Coffee & Cookies ..... We Need You!

The Eat, Pray, Love Group will be selling coffee & cookies at the MercyOne Used Book Sale on May 16, 17 & 18 at Southbridge Mall. Please donate 2 dozen cookies or bars and/or volunteer to work for 2 hours anytime during the 3 days. For questions, please contact Nancy Beenken at 641-822-3159.



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Save the date!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR REV. DAVID FELTMAN'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 22, 2019  
11:00 a.m. Worship; 12:30 p.m. Lunch  
First Presbyterian Church  
1111 Fifth Avenue  
Fort Dodge, Iowa

To RSVP for the dinner, please contact Jeannie Stolee in the Presbytery Office by June 5, 2019, at 319-233-1747 or at northiowapresby@gmail.com. Dinner is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under.

If you have memories, stories or photos that you would like to share with Dave, please send them to his wife Sue by May 15th at suefeltman@hotmail.com, on Facebook via private message, or mail to Sue Feltman, Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, 2015 Rainbow Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

It would mean so much to Dave to hear from all of you!