



# The Salt Shaker

July 2021

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## FROM THE PASTOR

The concept and practice of freedom means different things to different people in different times in our country's history as well as in different chapters of individual life.

We are blessed by the generosity and sacrifice of others. We bring to mind those who we know and we reflect upon those who we have never met.

May this Independence Day emphasize the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for yourself and for others too. May you find your pursuit of happiness brings you to a greater spiritual reality, what Paul writes about in these words, "For you, dear friends, have been called to live in freedom—not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13, NLT)

Blessings to you in Christ,  
Pastor Julie

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The session received the Scholarship Committee recommendations and approved the following scholarships:

- The Pokorny Scholarship will be awarded to Luke Huedepohl.
- The Wilma Carson Scholarship will be awarded to Morgan Eadie
- The Motycka Scholarship will be awarded to:
  - Calvin Chadima
  - Morgan Eadie
  - Nathan Harder
  - Cole Huedepohl
  - Luke Huedepohl
  - Lauren Reist
  - Andrew Walter
  - Matthew Walter

We wish these students all the best.

## BUILDING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MATCHING COMING TO A CLOSE ON JULY 21

The first stage of the capital campaign for funding the expansion of the church building and ministries began June 6. As of June 24, 2021, donations have been received for \$47,757 for the matching donation of \$100,000 by July 21.

The Expansion Committee would like to draw to your attention an alternative way of contributing outside of checks and cash—stock donations and annual requirement minimum distribution from IRAs which can be directly donated to qualifying charities—of which the church is most qualified. The church has for a long time used the services of the Presbyterian Foundation for investments of estate gifts, scholarship funds, and the endowment. The Foundation also provides brokerage services for the church.

For more information, please contact the church office.

## KOLACH BAKING ON JULY 17!!

There will be a Kolach Bake on July 17. The sales will be just for church members and for Kolach Kare. Kolaches will be limited to 2 dozen per order at \$12 a dozen. All our favorite flavors will be available including rhubarb. Orders will be taken at church and by letting Joanne Chadima know. **Please sign up to help. Batches of dough are especially needed.** Orders will be prepackaged – can be picked up after 11 on Saturday 17<sup>TH</sup> or on Sunday 18<sup>TH</sup> morning. We will refrigerate those for Sunday morning.

## SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY BY MORGAN EADIE

There were many learning challenges I faced throughout my sophomore and junior year due to COVID-19. As a current music student at the University of Northern Iowa, I depend solely on learning in-person. Collaborating, practicing, listening, leading others, rehearsing, and many other aspects of my routine involve interaction with other musicians or dependency on the music buildings. Instrumental techniques, conducting, singing, aural training, lessons, music theory, and other music-related classes over Zoom were extremely tough to navigate and learn effectively from. At UNI, I am a part of 5 different ensembles, and I rely on them every day to keep me in shape as a player and build my stamina as an educator. When these music ensembles were cancelled it was shattering. In addition, that year the Wind Ensemble planned to travel to Europe, and Jazz Band I planned to travel to South Africa. Although this past year was devastating in multiple ways, it was also heartwarming and eye opening. I learned a lot about myself during quarantine and realized all of the love around me that I didn't see clearly before. But, as COVID-19 got worse, musicians got more creative. When quarantine was over, in order to rehearse in-person again we had to go outside, split up into different locations, decreased numbers, set a 40 minute timer at the start, then another 20 minute timer of outside break to let aerosols air out, we had to put mask-like covers over our instruments, and we even played in all of our own plastic cubicles to completely isolate ourselves. Although this made it very difficult to hear and feel connected, nobody expressed this because we felt so fortunate just to be back. There was one specific memory I will always remember. When our Europe trip with the Wind Ensemble was cancelled, it felt like our world had stopped. Dr. Galyen, my director, sent numerous emails a day about all of the fun things we have to look forward to on the trip-- especially the street mayo fries and Belgian waffles. One day... We all walk into rehearsal and we hear French music playing through the speakers. Dr. Galyen and his graduate assistants were all dressed up, and there was a big white board in our rehearsal room saying, "Welcome to Europe!!!" Next to the whiteboard was a long white table with fresh, warm Belgian waffles from a local breakfast joint in Cedar Falls, ice cream, and all other

kinds of toppings both a kid and 21-year-olds could dream of. We all sat together and ate our fancy Belgian waffle feast, and that night he also took us out to a restaurant and ordered all of us french fries with mayo on top. It was supposed to be the worst day of my school career, but it ended up being the absolute best.

Personally, I have overcome the burden of COVID-19 by learning to appreciate all of the overlooked love and small things in life I had taken for granted. I never would have thought my friends and family would be taken away from me for a period of time. When I am with them I truly cherish the time we are able to spend together. I am forever thankful to have people in my life that go the extra mile in difficult times. Although it was a very sad year, my mindset has changed completely in these ways. Now when I wake up in the mornings, I am focused on being grateful for what I have rather than focusing on what I don't. I try not to be too hard on myself because time is too valuable and too short to bring myself down. I aim to explore new hobbies and immerse myself in the world a bit more, because now I have experienced what it's like to suddenly have that world taken away. Personal growth is looking at this tragedy as an opportunity to start fresh and live in the moment, and that is what I am striving to do.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### CAMP WYOMING

Scholarships are available for children and youth from First Pres attending this summer. Please copy your registration receipt and give it to Phil Huedepohl to receive the scholarship.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is being held in person on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Lessons are also put on-line. We are studying the disciples. All are welcome.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS is right around the corner! Join us August 4-7, with Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and programming 6:30-8:00 p.m. To participate, submit an RSVP using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/88sEoBU2sUrruSEWA>

For those interested in volunteering, a sign up will be sent out soon to help with all aspects! Looking forward to seeing you.

## THE GOD AND FAMILY PROGRAM

The God and Family program is a 6-session faith development program for grades 4-6. It is workbook-based program created by the Boy Scouts. The curriculum is designed to help youth understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family.

Curriculum Goals:

- To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together.
- To learn six ways of strengthening families through faith
- To help families grow in God's love
- To memorize the Ten Commandments

Pizza! Children will compare families and "pizza." The six steps for making pizza will give students a concrete, "hands-on" model on which to build their understanding of God's love for their families. They will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God's love, and they will choose "family projects" to be done with their family at home.

If your family or child is interested, please contact Pastor Julie. We hope to have this small group meet over the summer.

## WORSHIP & PROGRAM

### SPECIAL MUSIC

We would all love to hear special music or special readings from anyone during our church services! Let Sharon and/or Pastor Julie know what you would like to do ahead of time.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer worship schedule will remain at 9:30 on Sunday mornings and is scheduled to be outdoors. Bring a lawn chair.

July 4: Independence Day: Freedom From/Freedom To, Galatians 5:13-25  
Liturgist: Janice Hofer  
Greeters: D. Lindemann Family  
Ushers: Eadie Family

July 11: Apostles' Creed Series: Resurrection and Life Everlasting: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:36-49  
Liturgist: Jennie Netolicky  
Greeters: Buonadonna Family  
Ushers: Matt Zacek Family

July 18: Ephesians 1:3-14, Blessings  
Liturgist: Bob Zvacek  
Greeters: Janelle Benish  
Ushers: Harder Family

July 25: Ephesians 4:25-5:2, Speaking in the Language of Truth  
Liturgist: Theresa Harder  
Greeters: Harder Family  
Ushers: Bryan & Elaine Bailey

## COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

### LIFE AFTER 2020: A SERIES ON COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Save the following dates for Ely Public Library's online presentations at 7pm. This series is made possible through the Libraries Transforming Communities Grant, which focuses on small and rural libraries and is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).

July 8 TBD

July 22 Community Panel on Connecting with the Community Post COVID/Derecho

July 29 Community Mental Health Resources Discussion

## JULY MISSION NEWS

Thank you to those who have donated generously to our mission to collect personal hygiene items to benefit Olivet Neighborhood Mission in Cedar Rapids. Our collection box is filling up and this indicates that many people will be cared for at a personal level this summer because of your kindness. These small actions collectively make a big difference in our community. Thank you so much!

I also want to remind you or possibly introduce you to a wonderful organization in the area called WRAP. It stands for Wheelchair Ramp Accessibility Program. WRAP provides timely home access to people in need in Linn and Jones County. WRAP is a coalition of volunteers and service organizations who work together to build custom wheelchair ramps and stairs, giving people with limited mobility the freedom to enter and leave their homes safely. Clients are those individuals in our community who have a disability or injury with barriers to home access, and many clients are elderly or have a chronic illness.

WRAP is seeking individuals to assist with office duties, assist with social media posts, and to construct ramps, stairs and railings. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the program or volunteering, please visit [www.wrapiowa.org](http://www.wrapiowa.org).

My hope is that later this summer our congregation can take part in a group WRAP build activity. Watch for more details to come. Thank you for opening your hearts to the mission efforts of our church and thank you for supporting the community through prayer, love and compassion.

Misti Huedepohl, Mission Edler

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### THE WEEDING IS DONE – PEWS AND CHAIRS CUSHIONS ARE VACUUMED!

PLEASE take time to thank our wonderful Youth Group for weeding our flower beds around the church. They also vacuumed all the pews and chair cushions in the church. This was a big job and we thank Angie Zahradnik for arranging the project. It is appreciated by all.

## SESSION NOTES

### MAY 20, 2021



1. Worship Attendance in April 2021 (in person/live streaming/Zoom)
2. April 1 (Maundy Thurs): 16 in attendance; April 4 (Easter): 65 / 22; April 11: 40 / 26; April 18: 51 / 25; April 25: 39 / 17
3. Membership as April 30, 2021: 180
4. Motion approved in light of recent state-wide COVID-19 changes to open the sanctuary for worship on Sundays that are not possible to worship outdoors due to weather this June.
5. May 23: graduating High School recognition and Sunday School recognition. Vacation Bible School scheduled for August 4-7, evenings.
6. Motion approved to authorize Phil Huedepohl to open a separate checking account for Building Expansion capital with signature authority for Judy Serbousek and Dan Chadima (similar to the Maintenance Fund). After opening the account transfer funds from Hynek and Zahradnik accounts into it after confirmation with families. Upon maturity on March 11, 2022, transfer Waters Estate Fund (currently a CD) to avoid early withdrawal penalty.
7. Capital Campaign mailing will be sent out by June 6.
8. Fellowship – Snacks for May 30, 2021 outside service.
9. Donations for person care toiletries for Olivet Neighborhood Mission through June. Horizon Meals on Wheels is need of Volunteer for delivering meals. Kami Zbanek Hill will be at worship on May 25 to discuss Meals on Wheels. Linn Food Bank contributions are going well.
10. Property – Elevator inspection in April. Manse shed roof and garage roof were replaced in April. Five tree stumps will be removed this summer.

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

DIGITAL ways to donate to church:

1. Through church website.
2. Smart phone and tablet app:  
GivePlusChurch
3. QR Code



Thank you for your continued generosity. The program, worship, mission, and fellowship of the church continue by your participation and commitment. God has been praised at our church for 160+ years. We have roots in the past, life in the present, and continued hope in the future of our faith family together. God bless you in these trying days.

## THIS MONTH IN PRESBYTERIAN HISTORY

On **July 10, 1888**, **Toyohiko Kagawa** was born in Kobe, Japan. Under the influence of Presbyterian missionaries — Harry W. Myers and Charles A. Logan of the Presbyterian Church (US), Kagawa became a Christian and studied at the Presbyterian College in Tokyo (1905 - 1908), theology at Kobe Theological University and then at Princeton Theological Seminary (1914 - 1917). He worked in Japanese slums as a Christian missionary and labor organizer. Kagawa also wrote about 150 works. He founded an Anti-War League in Japan during 1928. Kagawa visited the Montreat/Asheville area in 1936. He died on April 23, 1960 and the Emperor posthumously awarded him Japan's highest honor, the Order of the Sacred Treasure.



Marjorie Thirkettle and Sharon Furler perform special music on Father's Day

# Youth group

Greetings from Youth Group!

Thank you to each person who ordered pizzas from Youth Group! And a BIG Thank you to Matt, Dawn and Z's Catering for the opportunity to make some pizzas and earn some funds for the Montreat trip and other Youth Activities!

Besides making and delivering pizzas, in June the Youth participated in some church clean-up activities: Our inside crew vacuumed all of the pew seats and the other upholstered furniture, and our outside crew weeded the landscaping around the church building. Thanks to the adults who came to help with this tidying!

In July, Youth are planning a mini-mission sorting food and other work at HACAP on July 1st. In the afternoon of the 4th, we are participating in the Ely Independence Day Parade - Hooray that this year it is happening again! July 6-9th, Youth will be doing more Kernels cleanups, and July 10-18th is the trip to the Montreat Youth Conference in NC. We will be presenting our Montreat experience to the congregation during worship on August 1st.

We are still accepting "empties", and these cans and bottles can be brought to church (please let Angie know so I can meet you in the parking lot) or delivered to Angie's house for counting. If you have A LOT, we can arrange for pickup from your home. Thank you to all who are helping the youth in this way!

Were you a Confirmation mentor? Please let Angie know that you were a mentor and any details you can remember: who did you mentor, when, any great experiences you can remember, etc. THANK YOU for sharing!

Please let me know if there are any questions about youth programming, and thank you for your continued support!

~ Angie

## Youth Schedule – July 2021



### Thursday, July 1st:

2pm: meet at HACAP in Hiawatha for Mini-Mission project

### Sunday, July 4th:

9:30am church outside!

5pm: meet at the park in Ely (on Banner Valley Rd) to prep for parade

6pm: Youth Group in Ely Independence Parade

### Monday, July 5th:

1:30pm: Helping hands project at Z's Catering, North Liberty

### July 6, 7, 8, 9th:

9pm: Kernels Clean ups

### July 10-18: Montreat Youth Conference trip

### Sunday July 11th:

9:30am church outside!

No Youth Group - older youth will be In Montreat

### Sunday, July 18th:

9:30am church outside!

NO Youth Group - Montreat trippers returning sometime this day

### Sunday, July: 25th:

9:30am church outside!

NO Youth Group

### Sunday, August 1st: YOUTH SUNDAY

8:15am: Meet to prepare for worship

9:30am Lead worship

6pm: Youth Group



Congregation members enjoy outdoor worship, June 2021

## First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  2:00 YG HACAP Mission	<b>2</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Independence Day</b> <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship 5:00 YG Parade Prep 6:00 Parade	<b>5</b> 1:30 YG Helping Hands Project, Z's Catering	<b>6</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hour  YG Kernel's Clean-up	<b>7</b> 9:30 Bible Study  YG Kernel's Clean-up	<b>8</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  YG Kernel's Clean-up	<b>9</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  YG Kernel's Clean-up	<b>10</b> YG travel to Montreat
<b>11</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship  YG at Montreat	<b>12</b> YG at Montreat	<b>13</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  YG at Montreat	<b>14</b> 9:30 Bible Study  YG at Montreat	<b>15</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours 6:30 Session Meeting with Zoom YG at Montreat	<b>16</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  YG at Montreat	<b>17</b> Kolach Bake  YG at Montreat
<b>18</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship  YG travel from Montreat	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours  Newsletter Deadline	<b>21</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>22</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	<b>23</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	<b>28</b> 9:30 Bible Study	<b>29</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	<b>30</b> 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	<b>31</b>



★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★



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*Fourth of July*  
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