



# The Salt Shaker

June 2021

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## CLAIMING OUR PAST, UPDATE ON THE BUILDING EXPANSION

On May 2, 201, 98 church members participated in the congregational meeting to vote on the expansion building project. The motion passed.

Here is a breakdown of the voting: 71 in-person members: 37 yes, 30 no, 4 abstain. 27 online members: 15 yes, 12 no. Totals: 52 yes, 42 no, 4 abstain.

Percentage comparison of the yes/no votes: In-person votes: 55.2% yes compared to 44.7% no. Online votes: 55.5% yes compared to 44.4% no.

There will be many steps in the days to come. One of them will be fundraising in order to begin fulfilling the staged process for construction in the next years. To get the ball rolling, a private donor would like to extend a matching gift of \$100,000. After some miscommunication, the time period of the matching is still yet to be determined. Each dollar received by the church for the expansion project will be matched up to that \$100,000 cap. Please consider your generous role and voluntary participation in the near future and in the years ahead.

The Expansion Committee will be meeting to make the next steps. The Fundraising Committee is also preparing materials.

We will remain firm in the faith of the generations that came before us who built this church, added on in 1884, 1893, 1927, 1958, and created a "Barn Gym" ministry in the 1960's-1980's that kept that generation engaged. And now we will build on that legacy and leave our own.

Let us be a blessing to others. Let us respond in faithfulness and hopefulness. Let us lay aside our differences and work together. We are legacy receivers, and we are legacy builders.

In Christ,  
Pastor Julie

## THANK YOU

To Sharon for playing all those wonderful, favorite hymns for Mothers' Day.

To Angie Ehle and the Youth for conducting the worship service on May 16. The message of the skit was very entertaining and thought provoking. Did you miss it? Watch it on our web site archives.

To the River Bottom Ramblers for their wonderful blue grass music during the service on May 30.

To Dan and Rachel Manders/Outreach - for getting those bumper magnets made for us to advertise our wonderful church. Please take one if you haven't done so.



## CARD SHOWER

On Saturday, June 5, Zelda Sherman will be 80!

Members of the church are invited to shower her with cards for her birthday!

# WORSHIP & PROGRAM

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Thank you to the musicians and vocalists who bring their gifts and skills to lead us in worship. You are treasured and honored for your musical offerings.

## 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

Apostles' Creed Series

June 6: Jesus: Isaiah 43:1-7; John 1:1-14

Liturgist: Jim Serbousek

Greeters: Matt Zacek

Ushers: Dave & Chris Faltis

June 13: The Holy Spirit: Acts 3:1-10

Liturgist: Jodie Chadima

Greeters: Dorothy Ditch & Kay Erenberger

Ushers: Bob & Jean Kolek

June 20, Father's Day

Liturgist: Lanice Hofer

Greeters: Verne & Virginia Svec

Ushers: Bill & Penny Serbousek

June 27: The Church: The Communion of Saints: Acts 4:32-37 Matthew 28:16-20

Liturgist: Gary Kilberger

Greeters: Karen Zacek

Ushers: Becky & Ted Grenis

## FATHER'S DAY

The collection of Moms' favorite hymns was so successful – what about songs for the men/dads, grandfathers? You must let Sharon know some favorites on or before June 13 to be included for Father's Day on June 20!

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulation to Shawna Lindemann for her induction into National Honor Society.

# COMMUNITY & OUTREACH

## POLLINATOR MEADOW HELP NEEDED

From Barb Horak: I'm finding out this year that I just don't have as much energy for gardening and could surely use some help with the pollinator meadow we have started on the north side of the north driveway at church. I will be clearing off areas and planting zinnias and Mexican sunflowers, as well as some pollinator plants I have dug up from my gardens. It shouldn't take much more than a couple of hours, especially if I have help.

Also, the tall weeds that are currently standing in the area need to be mowed before they seed out, to give the young pollinator plants a fighting chance. I hope someone will volunteer to come in with a mower that can get through them. Please contact me if you are willing for either of these jobs.

## RIVERBOTTOM RAMBLERS AT ELY CITY PARK, JUNE 18

If you enjoyed our Bluegrass Gospel at church, join us on Friday June 18, 6:30 p.m. at Ely City Park for some "regular" bluegrass! This event is FREE and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket to kick back and relax. And, bring the kiddos! There will be plenty of activities for them. City Park offers a playground, baseball diamonds, a stocked fishing pond and sidewalk chalk will be available for anyone to play with. The concession stand will be open serving snacks and cold beverages.



## MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS

Horizons - Meals on Wheels in Cedar Rapids is seeking volunteers. Can you help this worthy cause? Horizons - Meals on Wheels is returning to daily meal delivery on June 1st and they are still in need of about 70 volunteer drivers to deliver lunchtime meals to homebound seniors in the Cedar Rapids area. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kami Zbanek Hill, Volunteer Coordinator. Recognize that name? Kami is the granddaughter of Dick & Dorothy Harger. Please give her a call to support Horizons today!

**We Need  
Volunteer DRIVERS!**

**Meals  On  
Wheels**  
A PROGRAM OF 

**Openings Monday-Friday!**

**Use your own vehicle!**

**Connect with your community!**

Please contact or visit  
[volunteer@horizonsfamily.org](mailto:volunteer@horizonsfamily.org)  
<https://horizonsfamily.org/volunteer>

**Deliver Meals, Save Lives!**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulatoins to Dawn Zacek who was honored for 25 years of teaching in the Iowa City School District. In her close to 30 years of teaching she remembers almost every kid that has walked through the doors of the schools where she taught. When travelling all over the country, it never failed that she would run into a former student. (Even in the middle of 50,000 people in Times Square!) She is a tireless advocate for education and works hard every day and sometimes into the night for both her students and her fellow teachers. Her family is so proud of all that she does.



**CLEAN & FRESH PERSONAL CARE**

WE ARE COLLECTING TOILETRIES & PERSONAL CARE ITEMS FOR OLIVET NEIGHBORHOOD MISSION

- shampoo
- toothpaste
- razors
- deodorant
- soap
- feminine products
- toothbrush
- shaving cream
- shower gel
- face wash
- nail kits

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

COLLECTION BOX AT CHURCH THROUGH JUNE 30TH

## 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).

**June 10 "Liked" Movie Screening** – *An award-winning documentary that explores the impact of social media on our lives*

**June 24 Community Panel on School and Workplace Mental Health**

**July 8 TBD**

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

**July 29 Community Mental Health Resources Discussion**

## 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.

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### THANK YOU

A giant THANK YOU to children and youth leaders who teach, inspire, coach, and coral our students in their faith. You do some of the most important work of the church. Your gifts and devotions are appreciated, especially with all of the challenging this past year.

### 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.



### 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.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## SESSION NOTES

**APRIL 15, 2021**



1. March Sunday attendance:  
March 7: 38 in person / 21 online during live streaming; March 14: 22 / 23; March 21: 38 / 21; and March 28: 60 / 27
2. Church membership as of March 30: 180
3. Treasurer Report: for 25% of the year completed March 30, Per Capita donations on track at 35.6% of budget; Pledged offering at 30.7% of budget; and Non-Pledged offering at 19.7% of budget. Expenditures at 22% of budget.
4. Discussion and procedure agreed to for Congregational Meeting on May 2 with the motion to expand the church building and mission. Discussion centered on the church by-laws that rule “No absentee ballots will be accepted, member must be in attendance”. Paper ballots will be used for those in attendance on site. Misti Huedepohl and Joanne Chadima will distribute and collect ballots inside. Pat Kilberger will distribute and collect outside. Misti, Joanne, and Pat will count paper ballots. Rachel Manders and Brian Thompson will monitor and count votes from those logged in via Zoom video conference.
5. Fellowship – Matt Zacek recommended that coffee and snacks can be served at outside services. Snacks must be pre-packaged, and we need to keep them on the sidewalk. Planning for May 30.
6. Mission – Formulating a nice variety of activities for summer mission including evening meals program at First Pres in CR. (Can use approximately 10 people from 4-6 p.m. on a Sunday evening); Olivet Neighborhood Mission drive; and participation in the ramp building with WRAP.
7. The Manse fence has been taken down and the church received a “Thank You” from the Linn County Road Department for the removal. New hands-free paper towel dispensers have been installed throughout the

- church. Ted Grenis and Bill Serbousek replaced ballast in the elevator. The tree limb hanging above the playground was removed.
8. A Safety and Security Committee has been established with members Everett Williams, Glen Modracek, Bill Serbousek, Brian Thompson, and the current Property Committee Chairperson. Some cleaning has been done at the church.
  9. Welcoming and Evangelism – 250 magnetic bumper stickers with the church logo will be purchased. The Manders are paying for half with the remaining half out of W&E budget. Rachel would like to see more volunteering in the community with volunteers wearing church shirts and hats.
  10. Worship – Joanne submitted a list of upcoming special events (like Riverbottom Ramblers Bluegrass Service on May 30th-outside) as well as a May calendar schedule for Sunday worship.
  11. Youth Report – 13-14 people going on the summer trip. Youth Group hosted “A Great Easter Egg Hunt.”

## WORK DAY

Instead of a work day this year we are asking for volunteers to come when they have time to take on a job or part of a job. There will be a list next to the phone in the fellowship hall for volunteers to check off what they have done. Items on the list include:

- check out playground equipment for needed repairs
- clean landscaping around building
- clear bugs from light panels in ceiling of west addition & fellowship hall
- vacuum pew cushions & upholstered furniture
- wash inside windows and wipe window sills
- dust and vacuum balcony
- dust and vacuum west addition classrooms and offices



May was a busy month for the youth group! We made videos for Mother's Day - BIG Thank you to Leslie Harder for

compiling these and making a great presentation for church service that day! We also led worship for Youth Sunday, and shared scripture and a skit about the Cross. The second half of May, we were busy cleaning at the Kernels stadium, a fundraiser for the Montreat Trip and other activities to come this year. Thank you to parents for coming alongside our youth, bringing those who can't drive and participating in this activity!

THANK YOU to those of you who answered the question, and **please reply if you haven't yet** about the following: if you have been a sponsor / mentor to one or more youth as they went through Confirmation Class - would you help me by sharing that connection? Please let me know who you worked alongside to guide, and what year (if you remember). Thanks in advance for your help with this project!

In June, youth will be making and selling pizzas as a fundraiser, thanks to Z's Catering. If you are interested in purchasing pizzas made by the youth, please contact any youth or Angie by June 23rd. We will be making and delivering your pizzas on Saturday, June 26th.

Thank you to all who have donated redeemable beverage containers! If you have "empties" to donate, please let Angie know, and we will arrange to get them from you; text or call Angie for more information. We average \$5-\$15/month in donations and keep things out of the landfill!

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

~ Angie

## YOUTH SCHEDULE, June 2021

### Sunday, June 6th:

9:30am: church outside!  
6pm: Youth Group

### Sunday June 13th:

9:30am: church outside!  
6pm: Youth Group

### Sunday, June 20th: Father's Day

9:30am: church outside!  
NO Youth Group

### Saturday, June 26th:

11am: Make pizzas at Z's Catering  
(Deliver your order afterwards)

### Sunday, June 27th:

9:30am: church outside!  
6pm: Youth Group

### Sunday, July 4th:

9:30am: church outside!  
5pm: Parade preparation at the park  
6pm: Youth Group in Ely July 4th parade

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

9pm: Kernels Clean ups

### July 10-18: Montreat Youth Conference



## First Presbyterian Church near Ely Calendar, June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	4 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	5
<b>6 Food Bank Sunday</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship 6:00 Youth Group	7	8 9:00-12:00 Office Hour	9 9:30 Bible Study	10 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	11 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	12
<b>13</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship 6:00 Youth Group Deadline for Father's Day Hymn Requests	14	15 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	16 9:30 Bible Study	17 9:00-12:00 Office Hours 6:30 Session Meeting with Zoom	18	19
<b>20 Father's Day</b> 9:30 Outdoor Worship with Livestream 10:30 Fellowship  Newsletter Deadline	21	22 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	23 9:30 Bible Study	24 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	25 9:00-12:00 Office Hours	26 11:00 YG Pizza Making
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# SUMMER WORD SEARCH



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