

## ANNOUNCEMENTS • SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

September 17 - September 23

### Sunday

9 a.m. - Children's Sunday School (PreK-5th grade)  
9 a.m. - "Over the Coffee" meets downstairs  
10 a.m. - Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. - Inquirer's Class in Brinkerhoff Lounge

### Tuesday

12:30 p.m. - Staff Meeting  
5:30-7 p.m. - Text & Context in Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday

#### Noon - Bulletin Deadline

6-7:30 p.m. - Wednesday Nights @ Cedar Heights  
6:30 p.m. - Worship Band rehearsal  
7 p.m. - Choir rehearsal

### Thursday

5:30-7 p.m. - Book Study - "Do I Stay Christian?"

### LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

10 a.m. - Worship Service  
Congregational Meeting for Election of Officers  
11:15 a.m. - Inquirer's Class in Brinkerhoff  
1:30 p.m. - CROP Walk beginning at CHCPC

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** - (Preschool-5th grades)  
We meet in the room across from the nursery at 9 a.m.

**OVER THE COFFEE** - Join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. This group, while showing its "grey," welcomes all ages for intergenerational discussions and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!

**WORSHIP EXPLORERS!** After the children's message and during the sermon, children **Preschool-4th grades** can follow a Worship Explorers leader to a classroom. This program is designed to help children grow as worshipers and to equip them to participate in worship. The children will be out of worship only during the sermon. 5th grade and up should stay in the sanctuary to listen to the sermon.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ CEDAR HEIGHTS** (WN@CH) is a family dinner around the table in Fellowship Hall from 6:00-6:30 p.m. After dinner, children and youth go to age-specific activities and are invited to participate in faith-based discussion. At this time, parents clean up the kitchen and dining room together, and gather after to discuss family life, which often circles around to faith related topics. Activities finish by 7:30 p.m.

**DO YOU HAVE EXTRA GARDEN PRODUCE?** Bring your extra produce to our "Vege-Table" and share with your church family. Add your garden produce to the table in the entryway. Any extra items will be donated to the Food Bank at the beginning of the week.

**THE SUNDAY SUPPER** Free Community Meal is served at First Presbyterian Church in downtown Waterloo at 5 p.m. every Sunday. Cedar Heights is scheduled to provide 4-5 people each week (2-3 to open at 3:30; 2-3 to close at 4:30). **See the sign-up sheet in the Commons. Please sign up - we NEED YOU!**

### ~ CHURCH STAFF ~

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**Kelly Noltner**  
Alto Section Leader

**Mason Sealock**  
Tenor Section Leader

**Tiffany Sherwood**  
Guitarist

At Cedar Heights Community Presbyterian Church, we believe in the centrality and power of prayer. You may put a request on our prayer list by emailing the church office at [office@cedarheightspres.org](mailto:office@cedarheightspres.org). If you would like your name removed from the list, please inform the church office.

**PRAYERS FOR:** Nadine Kono; Grace Berends; Chuck Orr; for Kathryn Rogers' son, Andrew; for the people of Ukraine and Russia; for all who are suffering following the global natural disasters; for the people of Bihembe, Rwanda & Makantakita, Nicaragua; for those currently serving in the military; and for all facing surgery, difficulty, or times of great challenges.

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** has been called for **Sunday, September 24**, at the beginning of the service, for the election of the new officers.

**BOOK STUDY** - Starting **September 14 and continuing on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7:00**, Pastor Johnny will be offering a book study on Brian McLaren's "Do I Stay Christian?" This book is a timely one for those for whom the events of the world have inserted doubt and disappointment in their faith lives. We will discuss a couple chapters each week and wrap up on December 21. The schedule of readings can be found through Pastor Johnny or downloaded from the newsletter. The book is widely available for purchase online.

**INQUIRER'S CLASS** - Interested in learning more about this church and the Presbyterian Church USA? We invite you to join us on **September 17 & 24 at 11:15 a.m.** in Brinkerhoff Lounge. We hope to welcome new members in October.

**CROP WALK FOR HUNGER - Sunday, Sept. 24.** CHCPC is hosting this year! All ages are welcome to participate in this event to raise money/awareness about hunger in our community and around the world. 1:30 p.m. - Registration / 1:50 p.m. - Send-off / 2 p.m. - 3 mile walk starts and ends at CHCPC.

**TEXT & CONTEXT:** How can we be "A Place for Everyone" in a culture where everyone seems to be arguing? How do we listen to and love within our own families? Many of our arguments are rooted in our religious viewpoints and how our faith shapes our worldview. The language of religion is often used to support our varied positions. Bible verses are often quoted. We have scheduled a two week series of conversations about faith and human sexuality to listen to what the bible says AND listen to each other carefully and prayerfully. **On Tuesday, Sept. 19 & Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for these conversations.** The pastors will lead us through multiple passages from scripture - texts about creation, marriage, adultery and forgiveness, eunuchs, homosexuality and who Jesus criticizes. We will also leave time for conversations around the table. The handouts with the bible passages we will use are available in the Commons. We ask that participants find these passages in their own bibles, do some homework, and come with their thoughts and questions from these texts. We are using the NRSV bible in our work and worship. All are welcome!

**WORSHIP AT JUBILEE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: There will be NO worship service here World Communion Sunday, October 1.** We will be traveling to Waterloo to worship with Jubilee UMC and Savior Missionary Baptist Church (and also this year, St. Timothy's UMC). Remember last year how they came here to worship with us. They preached and we provided lunch. This year we travel and preach and they cook! Jubilee UMC is on the corner of E.4th St. and Conger. St. The worship service starts at 9:30 a.m. [Please note time difference]. We will meet at CHCPC at 9 a.m. and carpool. Directions will be provided. Let's be good guests and send a crowd!

**DEAR CHCPC:** Thank you for your donation in support of *Operation Threshold*. It really makes a difference in the lives of families who are struggling to meet their basic needs! Thanks to you, we are able to help families in our community heat their homes and have enough food to eat. As the cost of living continues to rise, more and more families are struggling to stretch their limited income to pay for rent, utilities, child care, food, car payments, insurance, doctor bills, etc. This forces many to make choices between eating or paying their rent. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you. *Sincerely, Barbara A. Grant, Executive Director, Operation Threshold*



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



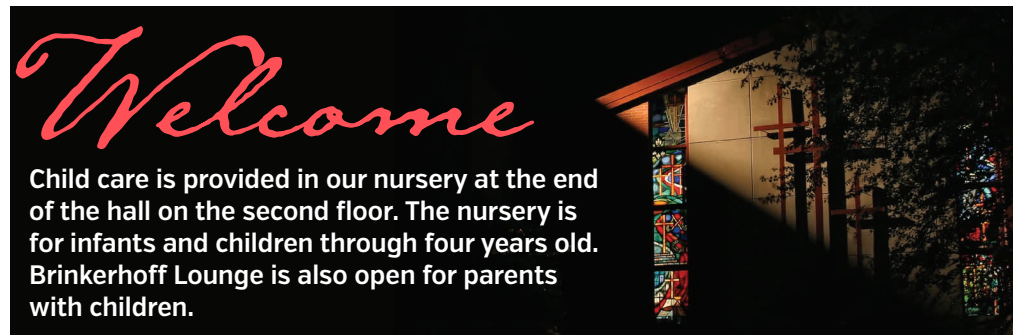
"Too Much Forgiveness?"

Genesis 4:13-15, 23-24

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Johnny Janssen





Welcome and Announcements Dr. Dave Kivett

Prelude "Nearer My God to Thee" Arr. Joel Raney  
Hugh Brown

\*Call to Worship [From Hymn 434 – Restore in Us, O God]

One: Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love;  
**All: renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove.**  
One: O Spirit, awaken in us the wonder of your power;  
**All: from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like spring-time bud and flower.**

\*Opening Hymn - 415 "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Our Shortcomings *[a guided moment of silence]*

God's Forgiveness

\*Sharing God's Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 4:13-15, 23-24

New Testament Lesson Matthew 18:21-35

Message for Children *[and children at heart]* Dr. Dave Kivett  
*[Preschool-4th grades are welcome to go to Worship Explorers following the message]*

Anthem "Grace" Mark Hayes  
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon "Too Much Forgiveness?" Rev. Johnny Janssen

\*Hymn of Response - 300 "We Are One in the Spirit"

Moment for Ministry Montreat Youth Conference

Affirmation of Faith—Growing with God at Montreat Video by Marie Darst



Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Offering Ourselves to God

Offering in Song "Softly and Tenderly" Arr. Joel Raney  
Jordyn Beranek

\*Response - 606 "Doxology"

\*Dedicating Our Gifts

\*Closing Song "Softly and Tenderly" Worship Band

\*Blessing and Sending Rev. Johnny Janssen

\*Sending Music "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound" Arr. Mark Hayes

\*Please Rise, in Body or in Spirit



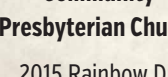
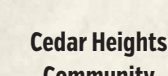
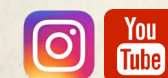
**Greeters & Ushers**  
Andy & Joan Ackerman

**Camera & Soundboard**  
Randy Darst

**PowerPoint**  
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**We are so glad you chose to worship with us!**

If this is your first visit, we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you. Please be sure to sign in on this Bulletin Stub and leave your contact information so we can welcome you! ***[Please tear off this stub and place in offering plate.]*** We can also add you to our weekly eNEWS list so you know what is coming up in worship and in the life of the church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Guest  Return Guest  Member

Regular Attendee [Non-member]

Here for Special Occasion Only

This is a change in my contact information

I'd like to receive the weekly eNewsletter

***I heard about CHCPC from:***

Driving by  Friend/Family  New Resident

Other \_\_\_\_\_

***I wish...***

I were a member

A Pastor would call on me

I was on the e-mail list

We'd sing hymn # \_\_\_\_\_

or the song \_\_\_\_\_

A Pastor would call on...

(name) \_\_\_\_\_

who is  ill,  a prospective member,  other

Pastor/congregation would pray for:

\_\_\_\_\_