ANNOUNCEMENTS • MARCH 30, 2025

March 30 - April 5

Sunday
9 a.m. - Children's Sunday School *(Preschool-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

Wednesday
Noon - *Bulletin Deadline*
6 p.m. - Wednesday Nights at Cedar Heights

Thursday
7 p.m. - Session Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Communion Sunday
10 a.m. - Worship Service
11:10 a.m. - Board of Deacons Meeting

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!

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

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 is a family dinner in Fellowship Hall from 6-6:30 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/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.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE FOR CHCPC is a mission project of the Outreach Committee for many years. The Outreach budget pays for Fair Trade Coffee for small and large congregation gatherings. The Fair Trade designation means the coffee product helps to eliminate poverty and sustain development for farmers, workers, and their families in communities around the world by responsible business practices and conscious consumerism. If you are serving coffee for a group, please use the Fair Trade Coffee provided. Thank You.

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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. If you would like your name removed from the list, please inform the church office.

PRAYERS FOR: Julian Olson; Kathryn Rogers; Lisa Brodersen's son-in-law, John Morgan; Haley Natvig, John Hall, Nadine Kono, Grace Berends, Chuck Orr; for the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, Bihembe, Rwanda & Makantakita, Nicaragua; for those currently serving in the military; and for all facing surgery, difficulty, or times of great challenges.

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE SERVICE will take a two-month break in April & May until the Lemonade on the Lawn returns in June. *Membership & Growth Committee*

PASTOR'S CHEMOTHERAPY & WORK PATTERNS: Pastor Dave has been diagnosed with testicular cancer, a highly curable type of cancer. He began chemotherapy on March 10 for approximately 10-12 weeks. The initial plan is for 4 cycles. A cycle includes treatments Monday through Friday in week one, followed by 2 weeks off. He plans to continue his work to the best of his ability with some adaptations. He will be keeping safe distances throughout his chemo. This means no in person church or community meetings and no pastoral visits. He will try to stay in touch by phone, text and email. On Sunday mornings, Dave will remain in his office before and after worship. He will preach from the pulpit and may wear a mask while preaching. Worshippers are encouraged to wear masks, esp. those who sit closer to the front. Thank you for your understanding, your patience and your prayers. "For everything there is a season ..." [Ecclesiastes 3].

LENT – WHY THE WHEELBARROW - All too often we carry around old grudges and old guilt. During the holy season of Lent, we have a wheelbarrow in the sanctuary so we might 'drop our rocks' like they did when Jesus said in John 8, 'Let those without sin cast the first stone.' Worshipers are encouraged to let go of guilt and grudges by placing a rock from the basket in the wheelbarrow before or after the service.

INQUIRER'S CLASS - Interested in learning more about this church and the Presbyterian Church USA? We invite you to join us **TODAY** at 11:15 a.m. in Brinkerhoff Lounge. New members will join on Easter Sunday.

BUILDING & GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY - Saturday, April 12 - 9 a.m. to noon. Donuts and coffee provided. Some of the items we need help with are: Cleaning up landscaping, cleaning windows, spreading mulch, cleaning up the garage, set up planters. Tidy up for Easter celebrations! Thanks! Building & Grounds Committee

CEDAR FALLS COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOT - Following *Hunger Sunday*, Kenneth Elgersma had an idea on how CHCPC could help with fresh vegetables for Sunday Supper. Lesley Johnson, head cook, invited Kenneth to a SS meeting and common vegetables were identified for growing at a Cedar Falls community garden plot. These limited vegetables would be served fresh or frozen for later use. Are you or your group willing to help with this work by signing up to weed and water for one week a month or every couple of months? Please speak to Kenneth of your interest or questions. We need a "critical mass" per Kenneth to reach the point to sign up for a garden plot and get fencing supplies, etc. Outreach will pay for the supplies. A signup sheet will be available when we have enough people willing. Serving fresh vegetables to those without is not only a treat, but nutritionally needed. *Thank you for considering this summer activity. Your Outreach Committee*

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!**

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A place for everyone.

MARCH 30, 2025 - 10:00 AM
Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Where Are You Going for Lent? To See Family"

Psalm 32
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Dr. Dave Kivett

WELCOME

Child care is provided in our nursery at the end of the hall on the second floor. The nursery is for infants and children through four years old. Brinkerhoff Lounge is also open for parents with children.

Welcome and Announcements — Rev. Johnny Janssen

Gathering Music — Hugh Brown

*Call to Worship

One: In life and in death, we belong to God.
All: Let us worship the God of Ashes and Resurrection.
One: Amid palms, Passover, and Passion, our God is near.
All: Let us worship the God who knows our sufferings.
One: No matter where we are on the journey, our God is with us.
All: Let us worship the God of Lent!

*Opening Hymn - 649 — "Amazing Grace"

Prayer of Confession – From Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
[Silent confession]…**Amen**.

A Sung Prayer for Mercy – Hymn 575 (Congregation) — "Lord, Have Mercy"

God's Forgiveness

*Sharing God's Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson — Psalm 32

New Testament Lesson — Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Message for Children (*and children at heart*) — Ai Elgersma

*(**Preschool-4th grades** are welcome to go to Worship Explorers following the message)*

Anthem — "Immortal Love, Forever Full" — Arr. Dan Kreider
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon — "Where Are You Going for Lent? To See Family" — Dr. Dave Kivett

*Hymn - 771, v. 1-3, 5 — "What Is the World Like?"
[1st verse - Soloist / verses 2, 3, 5 - Congregation]

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 — Jordyn Beranek

*Response - 606 — "Doxology"

*Dedicating Our Gifts

*Closing Hymn - 418 — "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

*Blessing and Sending

*Sending Music

**Please Rise, in Body or in Spirit*

Greeters & Ushers
Andy & Joan Ackerman

Camera & Soundboard
Randy Darst

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Darst Family

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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:

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