

First Presbyterian Church
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Prairie Song Academy

First Presbyterian is playing host to a brand new school!

Prairie Song is a Montessori-based, K-12 school serving Kirksville and surrounding areas. Ginger Nolker and Kate Sandefur are two of the school's founders.

While we are meeting at the church this year, the school is not sponsored by the church, and is not religious in nature. Our elementary class will meet in the Travers Room, and our secondary class will meet in Fellowship Hall. The school is a hybrid model of on-site and off-site classes, meaning that our students are on-site two days per week and learn at home on the other days of the week. If you pop into church on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., you'll be greeted by a pleasant hum of activity!

Prairie Song is grateful to the church for hosting us, and the Academy is contributing some rent each month to help with utility costs. Our school operates on a sliding tuition scale for all families, making it equitable and accessible to all, and that wouldn't be possible this year without the generosity of our church!

Prairie Song is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and an individualized education for each student. We'll have 35 students in our inaugural class, from ages 5 to 15, and are very excited to begin! Our first official day of on-site learning is August 24th.

If you'd like to volunteer at Prairie Song, please let us know! We would love to have you. We are very interested in nurturing multi-generational connections, so please let us know if you have an hour or two each week when you could stop by to learn along with our students. Their enthusiasm and joy are contagious, and it will be a lot of fun! On behalf of our Board and Guides, thank you for your hospitality to our new school!

-Ginger Nolker, School Director



Join us for Worship at the Point

Sunday, August 29

9:30 am

Thousand Hills State Park

Bring your chair, or blanket, for worship and pack a brunch for your family as we stay for fellowship after worship.



While we are still offering online services via Facebook, we are also open for in-person worship and will hold fellowship time following worship as well. We do have limited seating and strongly request you wear your mask and practice social distancing while in the building to help us protect those who are most vulnerable as cases in Adair County continue to rise.

Session is continuing to research, monitor and address concerns from the congregation. Members are doing their best to guide our congregation through this unknown, difficult time.

**While they welcome your input, please offer your opinion in an attitude of Christian love.
Be kind.**

Clothes Closet

The Clothes Closet has recently partnered with the Adair County Family Services Office to provide clothing for emergency cases.

We could use your help to collect the following items:

Backpacks-used or new (clearance items may be available soon)

Toothpaste and toothbrushes

New hairbrushes and/or combs

Other donations needed include:

Shoes all sizes, Children's size clothing,

Winter coats for our outdoor rack and

Gloves

Drop them by the church during business hours

NOTE: Presbyterian Women will NOT meet August 25 as previously noted in the newsletter. Our first meeting will be September 1 at 7:00 pm at the home of Jan Hartje. This year's study is What My Grandmothers Taught Me. Lesson One is Family Trees with the main idea being: family stories shape our sense of identity.

Justice and Peace Calendar for September

1--World Day of Prayer for the Care of Children

5--Season of Peace begins

6--Labor Day

8--International Literacy Day

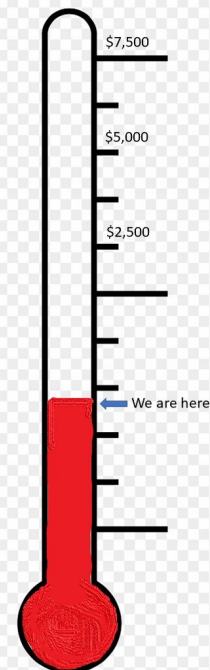
19--Global Week of Action Against Gun Violence begins

21--International Day of Peace

24--Native American Day



Pantry for Adair County Fundraiser



You have been challenged!!!

A member has challenged everyone to donate and they will match another \$2,500. This is in addition to the church's match up to \$2,500. We could end up with a donation of \$7,500!

As a founding church of PAC, let's show our support and help get the expansion built. All donations will be put toward the expansion of their current building.

Upcoming worship opportunities

Date	Speaker	Liturgist	Greeter
August 22	Wally Landrum		
August 29 -The Point	Paul Yoder		
September 5	Dale Stone		Barbara Stone
September 12	RIM Massey		

In order to make our worship service more comfortable for our guest speakers and more meaningful for our congregation, we need additional volunteers for liturgists and music. Please contact Elaine AuBuchon for instructions to be a liturgist or a greeter.

Are you ready to make music?

Be watching for information about choir rehearsals (contact Charles Gran) and organizing the bell choir (contact Elaine AuBuchon).

More Take Root Community Dinners are on the way

Thanks to a recent grant from Sparklight, Take Root will be offering two community dinners each month starting in September. The drive through dinners will be held in the south parking lot of the church on the first and third Tuesdays each month.

Volunteers are always needed, so contact Jeanne North for more information on how you can help.

Welcome back Deacons
Following the recent addition of Charles Gerdes as a Deacon our slate of Deacons is now complete. They will be meeting Monday, August 23 at 6:30 pm to re-organize and plan.

August Birthdays

Mary Elam—8/20
Thomas Thatcher—8/20
Joel Cagle—8/22
Curran Prendergast—8/23
Bryan Collier—8/27
Miles Krebs—8/28

August Anniversaries

Charles & Mary Giovannini—8/17
Charles & Christine Gran—8/23

September Birthdays

Linda Hudnall—9/5
Elaine AuBuchon—9/5
Betty Matheney—9/5
Brett Berke—9/6
Jan Hartje—9/7
Wanda Cagle—9/9
Isaac Murphy—9/9
Jacquelyn Settlage—9/10
Krissy Giovannini—9/14
Maya Krebs—9/16
Ethan Sandefur—9/16
Kate Sandefur—9/19
Burt Picht—9/24
Wil Dublin—9/27

September Anniversaries

Greg & Nicole Marshall—9/2
John & Sue Bryant—9/5
Brett & Sarah Berke—9/16
Russell & Rebecca Shirk—9/20
Alex Hall & Heidi Michael—9/23

The PNC has hit the road running!

Our Ministry Information Form has been submitted and the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has begun their work. They have received their first list of possible candidates and will be working their way through that list by contacting potential pastors. Please be in prayer for them and for the candidate God is pointing our direction.

Fall Children and Youth Activities

Operation JOY, all Presbyterian Youth Fellowship (PYF) groups and our Presbyterian College Fellowship (PCF) group will be getting started after Labor Day. Masks will be required and groups will be held outdoors when possible. No times or dates yet, but if you have questions please contact Michele Yoder.

Plans are being made for children and youth Sunday School classes to begin this fall. Again masks will be required. Details will be coming soon.

VBS

Thank you to everyone who worked with our Vacation Bible School. There were many water games during those hot, hot days and after presenting a wonderful program for worship at Rotary Park 19 children, plus adults, headed to Beach Ottumwa for an afternoon at the waterpark.



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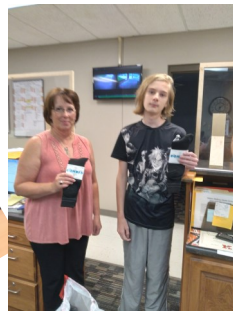
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Sunday Worship 9:30 am	Sunday School 11:00 am
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



A lot of happy feet are headed back to school

A big thank you goes out to our Clothes Closet volunteers who moved, sorted, counted, contacted and delivered over 750 pairs of socks to the public schools, Faith Lutheran School, Mary Immaculate School, Prairie Song Academy and the Salvation Army School Supply event.

We are back outdoors

Due to the continued increase in Covid cases in Adair County our Saturday morning hours will find us back on the lawn next to the Clothes Closet building. Volunteers are still asked to wear masks. Set up will begin at 9:30.

Watch for September volunteer opportunities

A second volunteer training-date to be announced
Changing seasons from summer to winter-week of September 5
Times and days we are working to be announced

Easy volunteer sign-up, just follow the link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FABA62DABFBC07-clothes>



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