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September 1, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

Coming Events

The church's website is www.schallerpresby.com



Adult Sunday School Class will be starting on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00-9:45 a.m. 🔔



The Children's Sunday School Classes will be starting up on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. 🔔



The Confirmation Class will begin on Sunday, September 8th at 3 p.m. 🔔



PURPLE GANG

Purple Gang will resume on Wednesday, September 11th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. for grades 1st- 5th. Our

theme during this Fall will be Old Testament Heroes and the Spring theme will be miracles of Jesus. They will not meet on days that school is out early or if school lets out for bad weather.

Enrollment forms for Purple Gang are in the brown box outside the front door of the church. 🔔

PURPLE GANG INFORMATION

1. Inside the box on the left are brochures and registration forms. Envelopes are on the right.

2. Fill out registration form(s) and place them in the envelopes provided. Seal the envelope and place it in the right side of the box.
3. Take as many brochures and information forms as wanted.
4. Spread the Word! 🔔



Christian Growth will meet on Wednesday, September 11th, at 5:30 p.m. 🔔



REMINDER

Reminder the next stated Session Meeting will be Wednesday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. 🔔



Miracle Quilters

The Miracle Quilters will be meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 1 p.m.

Starting in October they will be meeting the first and third Thursdays of each month unless there is inclement weather or a holiday.

Everyone is invited to come help and tie knots on lap quilts that are given to the area nursing homes.



PULPIT SUPPLY

Rev. Michael will be on vacation September 16-22. Rev. Fells will be filling the pulpit on Sunday, September 22. 🔔



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Our children need teachers. You can team teach or sign up for a single week to the entire school year. We have positions available for both grades 1st-3rd and 4th-6th. Bible Study curriculum with detailed lesson plans are available. You can even review lesson plans with a consultant if you desire. Please contact Rev. Michael Sydnor (712-275-4691) if you are interested in teaching for a week, every other week, or a month. 🛎



Sacred Heart Parish in Early will be having their Annual Chicken Dinner, on Sunday, September 15th.

The menu will feature chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, salad bar, roll, pie or bar and a drink.

Tickets are: Adults - \$10, Children (5-12) \$ 5, and pre-schoolers – FREE. 🛎



LADIES BIBLE STUDY STARTS BACK UP

Ladies will meet Thursday, Sept. 19th in Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. NEW STUDY on the

Book of Job with a DVD by Chondra Pierce. Contact me if you have not ordered your book. I have ordered one extra but this promises to be an insightful look at how we cope with loss, depression, and anxiety in a world filled with dilemmas, disasters, and false hope. It all starts with keeping our eye on God. 🛎

LABOR DAY

The power of your life is not measured by your “special gifts,” as much as by your ordinary daily work.



EARLY FOOD PANTRY

October is our church’s turn to help at the Early Food Pantry to unload the truck and also stack shelves.

Watch for more info. 🛎



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed on Sunday, October 6th World Communion Sunday. 🛎

FALL YOUTH EVENTS AT LAKESHORE CENTER



CHURCH MISSION PROJECT

OCTOBER 12: FALL

WORK DAY – We will be getting the camp ready for winter and could use all the help we can get! There will be projects for folks of all ages and abilities. This is a no-cost event and makes a great Saturday outing for the whole congregation. 🛎



CALLING ALL YOUTH OF THE CHURCH

OCTOBER 26: FALL FEST

– This all ages event will feature pumpkin carving/painting, trick or treat, hay rides, camp games, and even our brand new high ropes element, the Giant Swing. Lunch will be included. 🛎

The power of your life is not measured by your “Special Gifts,” as much as by your ordinary daily work.

Our Congregation In Action.

SEPTEMBER USHERS

09/01 VOLUNTEERS
09/08 – 09/15 Scott & Lorna Currie
09/22 – 09/29 Stuart & Angie Claussen

OCTOBER USHERS

10/06 – 10/13 Courtney Pyle & Parker Currie
10/20 – 10/27 Audrey Currie & Bonnie Currie



USHERS: Ushers will serve for 2 weeks. PLEASE be there 20 minutes before service. Welcome everyone and hand out bulletins. Count and post attendance. Take up the offering.

If unable to serve find a replacement.

PLEASE have new visitors sign guest book. 🔔

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY MORNING

07/28	19	08/04	29
08/11	23	08/18	27
08/25	28		

(Ushers PLEASE Post Church Attendance)



ELDER OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER: Julie Langner

OCTOBER: Phil Diersen



Remember this includes helping count the Sunday offering. 🔔

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

SEPTEMBER

15 Early Sacred Heart Chicken Dinner
* Schaller Fireman's Breakfast

OCTOBER

06 World Communion Sunday
13 Scott & Lorna Currie
27 Rich & Florene Cork

(If unable to serve, please exchange with someone.)



SERMON PASSAGES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 1 Hebrews 11:1-16, 12:1-2
Matthew 8:5-10

September 8 Genesis 2:4b-25
Mark 10:6-8

September 15 Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
Mark 10:27

September 22 Pastor On Vacation

September 29 Genesis 32:22-30
Mark 14:32-36

When you know God's heart you will never question His will.



Newsletter deadline with October information is Sunday, September 22nd. 🔔



ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniv.	Name
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09/05	Gerrit & Irene VanDenTop
09/05	Richard & Florene Cork

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

Birth day	Name
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09/06	Jerry Gosch
09/08	Samantha McDonough
09/09	Stephen Sydnor
09/12	Betty Franken
09/12	Tom Watson
09/13	Sarah Jacobson
09/13	Becca Kestel
09/13	Janice Rydberg
09/20	Reece McDonough
09/22	Cathy McDonough
09/23	Parker Currie
09/24	Jeff King
09/30	Brenna Franken

RIDDLE

What time of day was Adam created?
Just a little before Eve.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

2019 Per Capita

2019 Per Capita amount is \$40.66. It is a very important way we can contribute to the operation and mission of the Presbyterian Church. Session encourages all members to contribute. Please make checks out to Schaller Presbyterian Church and in the memo line mark your check "Per Capita." 🔔

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Income for July	\$ 13,034.60
Total Expenses for July	<u>\$ 6,602.23</u>
Net Income for July	\$ 6,432.37

YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:	\$41,867.25
Expenses:	<u>\$ 2,473.57</u>
Net Loss:	-\$ 641.79

It is not the amount we give that God notices; it is the amount we hold back.

GIVING BACK TO GOD

We exist to serve, but we need to be good stewards and pay our bills. Please spend some time in prayer for our church and its mission. If we are sincere, God will provide. 🔔

Your promises to God should be as binding as those to the bank.

RIDDLE

What excuse did Adam give his children about why he no longer lived in Eden?
Your mother ate us out of house and home!




IN OUR PRAYERS

Nominating Committee, Our Church, Our Session, School Kids, School Teachers, College Students, Purple Gang, Our Members in Care Facilities, Our Homebound Members, Jean Grundmeier, Jeanette & Don Peterson, Florene Cork, David Sydnor, Judy Fells, Rev. Missy Brown, Mitch Mentzer, Rose Sackett, Betty Roeder, Clayton Woodke, Roger Beebe, Holli Safely, Sue Diersen's Niece Kelly, Alex Kron, Doug O'Bannon & his family, The Cynthia Grundmeier Houser Family, The Jean Crum Family, the Military, our President and Congress.

--SEND A CARD—MAKE A PHONE CALL—SEND AN EMAIL—VISIT—SAY A PRAYER—

Thank you for keeping us informed about joys and concerns. Remember, hospitalized members and friends don't always get on the list at the hospital. We'd rather get several calls than none!

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list please call Rev. Michael Sydnor (Phone: 712-275-4691) or Denise King (275-4516). 



May the love of the Lord flow gently and freely into your heart, giving you peace and strength.


With Sympathy to the Cynthia Grundmeier Houser Family.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Jean Grundmeier
Otsego Place
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Storm Lake, IA 50588

HEAR GOD'S CALL

Soon, the nomination committee will be in prayer and conversation to nominate people for positions of leadership and service in our congregation. Be assured that if you are asked to accept a nomination, God has put your name in the minds of the committee members. When the apostles were organizing and establishing local churches, Peter pointed out that they couldn't do it all alone. Members of the local churches needed to take on many tasks. Be talking to and listening for God, so that when you are asked, you will be ready to say, "YES!" 

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Behold the faithfulness of God
Who cares when tiny sparrows fall,
Who knows His children's every need,
And hearkens to us when we call.

Behold God's never – failing love
To those the apple of His eye.
In wisdom he will grant what's best,
And no good thing will He deny.

Behold the faithfulness of God,
Trust in His love. Rest in His calm.
God will for us provide a way....
He holds our world within His palm.

--Beverly J. Anderson 

FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS

For all His countless blessings
And all His gifts of love,
I owe all things that I possess
To God, the Lord above.

For hope and inner courage
When failure came my way,
And new found faith to carry on
To face another day.

He made my life far brighter
When it seemed so in vain,
He led me on to greater heights
I strove and sought to gain. --Harold F. Mohn

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM MEETING AUGUST 21, 2019

We had a visitor to our Session Meeting this month. COM member Lou Baker from Manning came to visit Session to meet with our members and see what was happening in our church. She gave us some good questions for thought on what our church does well and what we might like some help with. How do we help the community and what kind of issues our church is dealing with today. What is our mission in the community? We talked about our contribution with Purple Gang and Food Pantry as well as our outreach for Popcorn Days, providing meals and our outreach to those in need within our church when we experience illness or loss of a loved one. One of the questions on what we can do better – how to engage our youth in church activities.

Lou left us with questions to ponder and things we might consider going forward in the future to insure we are helping all God's people in our community and beyond.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

CG is planning the Annual Christmas Program but also a November Pot Luck Dinner on November 9th. Put it on your calendars for a fun night of fellowship and games. We served 85 people at the Methodist church on Open House for School to meet parents and kids on Purple Gang starting up on Sept 11th. Confirmation and Sunday School start back up on Sept 8th. We are still looking for a teacher for our Youth (we currently have 4 kids that can move to the age group)

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Give a shout out to Bob Hantsbarger in town for doing a wonderful job on fixing our front signage of the church. He does wonderful work! A fence is being shopped for to place along the north side of church near the alley and gutters were replaced on the manse to help with the flow of rain and snow fall off. These are seamless so no one has to help clean gutters. A big win for every one!

By the time this newsletter comes out, our Fellowship Hall floors will be stripped and polished. Thanks to George Turnquist and Kirk Langner for all their hard work!

WORSHIP

ON Sept 22nd, Ken Fells will fill the pulpit while Pastor Michael is on vacation.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 AFTER PRAYER

--by Cathy Sydnor Clerk

Grandparents

Few can bring the warmth
We can find in their embrace,
And little more is needed to bring love,
Than the smile on their face.

They've a supply of precious stories,
Yet they've time to wipe a tear,
Or give us reasons to make us laugh,
They grow more precious through the years.

I believe that God sent us grandparents
As our legacy from above,
To share the moments of our life,
As extra measures of His love.

---Unknown

Thank God For Little Things

Thank You, God for little things
That often come our way,
The things we take for granted
But don't mention when we pray...
The unexpected courtesies,
The thoughtful, kindly deed;
Oh make us more aware, dear God
Of little daily graces,
That come to us with "Sweet Surprise"
From never-dreamed-of places.

--by Helen Steiner Rice

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Autumn Morn

I like to watch as autumn's morn
Casts shadows through the yellow corn
And silhouettes the apple tree
Where branches low hold fruit for me.
My garden that I coaxed to grow
Is staging now its final show,
While on the hillside gold and red,
The earth prepares its winter bed.

Small creatures rush about to hide
The food that nature has supplied,
And blue skies watch for birds a-wing
That must escape earth's slumbering.
The glow that's seen across the land
Reveals perfection as God planned,
And autumn's morn becomes for me
A lesson in fine artistry!

-Gertrude Dicks

God only requires that we be faithful with whatever we have.

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