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April 28, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schaller, Iowa

Coming Events

The church's website is www.schallerpresby.com



Honoring Our Graduating Senior

May 5th is our Senior Recognition Sunday for our graduating senior, Ashley

Kestel. This will be a Potluck (no dessert) dinner after church. Cake will be provided by Christian Growth. ☸



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Next study is scheduled for 7 PM Thursday, May 16th in Fellowship Hall as we finish our last chapter of

"Really Bad Girls of the Bible". Our last chapter deals with the "Bleeding Woman" from Mark Ch 5.

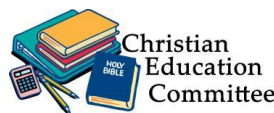
Why was she considered bad? How desperate was she for healing from this debilitating illness that she suffered? What do we do when we lose hope when everything seems hopeless?

Come join us for this last intriguing story and hear what we will be doing next. We have two books under consideration. One from a Max Lucado on living a more meaningful life through prayer and the other from Chondra Pierce on her life's story through the teachings of Job.

Bring a Bible and a friend and join us for a relaxing evening with light refreshments as we study Scripture with the Lord.

See you there! ☸

Session will be meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. ☸



Christian Education Committee

5:30 p.m. to finalize plans for VBS. ☸

The Christian Growth Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, May 8th at



Explore Where God's Power Can Take You "To Mars And Beyond!"

Vacation Bible School will be June 17th through the 21st from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. on June 17th

for registration.) This program is open to children who are entering Kindergarten through those who are entering Fifth grade. Lunch will be provided.

This program is focused on helping children discover all of the wonders in God's universe! Children will blast off on a mission to learn how God walked with heroes in the Bible, and how he is ALWAYS with us!

Glory to God who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us! Ephesians 3:20

We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen (warm food up and serve) and with games.

Registration forms, health forms and envelopes can be found in our information box outside the front door of the church. ☸

MAY USHERS

05/05 – 05/12 Mike McDonough

Mark McDonough

05/19 – 05/26 Phil & Sue Diersen

JUNE USHERS

06/02 – 06/09 Adam & Melanie Pyle

06/17 – 06/24 Julie Langner and Family

06/30 – 07 Betty Franken & Janice Ploeger



USHERS: Ushers will serve 2 weeks. **PLEASE** be there 20 minutes before service. Welcome everyone and hand out bulletins. **Count and post**

attendance. Take up offering.

If unable to serve find a replacement.

PLEASE have new visitors sign guest book. 🌸

Church Attendance

Sunday Mornings

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|-------|----|-------|----|
| 03/31 | 36 | 04/07 | 54 |
| 04/14 | 37 | 04/21 | 70 |



Easter

(PLEASE Post Church Attendance)

ELDERS:

May:

June:

Kirk Langner
Aaron Jacobson



Elders remember this includes helping count the Sunday Offering. 🌸

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

MAY

05 Senior Recognition

12 Mother's Day

19 Graduation

26 Memorial Weekend

JUNE

02 Communion

09 Dorothy Ploeger & Janice Ploeger

16 Father's Day

23 Mike & Mallory McDonough

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



Newsletter Deadline with JUNE information is Sunday, May 26th. 🌸

Schaller Garage Sales

Schaller City Wide garage sales will be June 8th. If you would like to have a garage sale please contact Carol Wendel at 275-4523. 🌸



The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, June 2nd. 🌸

"There are blessings all around us that are sent from God above, but none are more precious than the gift of a mother's love!"



IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Church, Our Session, Our Shut-Ins, Our Members in Care Facilities, Jean Grundmeier (in the loss of her brother Bill Chindlund, Jeanette & Don Peterson, Holli Safely (A friend of Judy Fells), Sue Diersen's Niece Kelly, Jackie Mentzer, Nick Langner, Beth Langner, Harlan Roeder, Maxine & Ron Warrick, Alex Kron, Doug O'Bannon & his family, Troy Spanier, the Sharlene Segebart Richey Family, the Don Blake 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 request prayers, contact Rev. Michael Sydnor (Home Phone: 712-275-4691) or Denise King (275-4516). ☸

Prayer combined with love is a mighty force for change.



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

With Sympathy to Jean Grundmeier in the loss of her brother Bill Chindlund and his Family.

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

Children's Sunday School Attendance

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| 03/31 | 9 | 04/07 | 13 |
| 04/14 | 13 | 04/21 | Easter |



Anniversary Congratulations!

| Anniv. | Name |
|--------|--------------------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| 05/04 | Mike & Mallory McDonough |

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

| Birth day | Name |
|-----------|-----------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| 05/04 | Beth Bailey |
| 05/12 | Marilyn King |
| 05/15 | Jan Watson |
| 05/15 | Dorothy Ploeger |
| 05/17 | Dee Gosch |
| 05/22 | Theresa Bailey |
| 05/23 | Jason Currie |
| 05/29 | Lauren Franken |



CHURCH PRAYER TREE

We would like to have volunteers for the Prayer Tree. ☸



Thank You's

Thanks to those who provided Easter Lillies for the Easter morning worship service. 🌸



The Easter Breakfast was hosted by Jim & Cathy McDonough and family. It was difficult to choose from the different

delicious varieties of egg bake. Thank you for your hard work. It was greatly appreciated.

The McDonough family wishes to thank those who donated the items needed for the breakfast.

The free will offering went to the Deacons Fund to help pay for cards and postage. 🌸

Let the beauty of the Lord be upon us!



MAY 2019

May 5

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20); Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

May 12

Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23, Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

May 19

Acts 11:1-18; Ps. 148; Rev. 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

May 26

Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10, 21:22—22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Have faith and keep trying, because it's often the last key on the ring that opens the door.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

SESSION NOTES

Session met on April 17th. Members present were Julie Langner, Kirk Langner, Janice Ploeger, Phil Diersen, Lorna Currie, Bruce Mentzer, Aaron Jacobsen, Jane Bisenius, Cathy Sydnor and Michael Sydnor. Here are some of the highlights from the meeting.

New Member:

David has been presented to Session to be approved for membership. Membership was transferred from First Presbyterian Church of Bay City, TX. MSC that David be approved.

Christian Growth:

Plans are commencing for VBS in the Summer. Our program "to Mars and Beyond" will be June 17-21 from 9 AM to 12:30. Volunteers can check in with anyone on Christian Growth. Senior Recognition Day is Sunday May 5th after church for Senior Ashley Kestel. There will be a Potluck dinner and a speaker. Reporting we have four teachers for our youth.

Buildings and Grounds:

Looking at options and will be having bids made to fix our flooring in Fellowship Hall. Looking at taking bids for a "floating floor." Manse had it's first bid to repair flooding in garage and basement as well as repair drainage issues on driveway into garage. Still looking at bids and will look at ideas to fix existing gutter system in order to change drainage flow.

Also discussed improving sound system in Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary but have tabled the streaming services options due to expenses on floor and manse.

Pastor reported visitations and issues voted on at Presbytery Meeting that occurred in Cherokee.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and we closed in prayer. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 15th at 7 PM.

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". ☸

CHURCH FOOD STAND

Our church will be hosting the Popcorn Days Food Stand again this July. This is an outreach service to our community and many visitors. A committee is already planning for that weekend. So, we will start taking donations to defray the costs of advertising, food supplies, paper products, and other necessary items. Our hope is to be proactive and have funds available so that we do not put a strain on the budget. Please write checks to the church, but mark Popcorn Days or Food Stand on the memo line, or put cash in an envelope marked the same. We appreciate everyone's efforts. Watch for more info coming soon. ☸

Mind Games!

Sixteen books of the Bible are mentioned below. A minister found 15 books in 20 minutes. It took him weeks to find #16.

They can be found spread between words. "I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu; kept people looking so hard for facts. But for others it was a revelation.

Some were in a jam, especially since the books were not capitalized. The truth finally struck home to the numbers of readers. To others it was a real job.

We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit, it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found.

A little lady says she brews up a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete.

Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of the Bible in this paragraph."

A Graduation Blessing

Embarking on a journey which began some time ago, how could you have imagined all the things you'd come to know.

You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity, to overcome each problem, despite adversity.

It wasn't always easy keeping up with what was "cool," but you held on tight to your beliefs and carried them through school.

You found your voice and chose a path that honors who you are, and that, I think, may be your greatest lesson learned thus far.

For no one could be prouder of the person you've become, and that is why I'm confident that the best is yet to come.

May you never waste a moment "wishing" life was not unfair. Rather use the gifts God gave to you, to change the world around out there.

Your graduation signals us that you are on your way, so spread your wings and fly my dear, forever and a day!

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