

Worship – July 14, 2024

Guest Speaker: Rhonda Braley
 Scripture: Esther 4:14, Hebrews 13:1-3
 Message: “For Such a Time as This”

Welcoming the Newcomers

Join us this Sunday, July 14, for a special message from our own, Rhonda Braley. Rhonda will be sharing about the journey of welcoming our newcomer family. She will share what the process has been, and the remarkable ways God has guided each step along the way. You won’t want to miss it!



Newcomer family with representatives from the Cedar Falls Mennonites.

Church Birthdays

July 12-Susan Duncan,
 Marlene King, 13-Gus Hill
 16-Cyd Grafft, 18-Sue Luck
 20-Ava Wells, Miles Braley

For Your Prayers...

Sandy Jensen

Office Notes...

- Pastor Julie will be on vacation through Saturday, July 20.
(Call Pr. Julie on her cell in case of a pastoral emergency.)
- Lynette will be on vacation from July 21-Aug. 1.
 - A volunteer will be in those days from approx. 9:00 am-noon, Mon-Thur.

Summer office hours

through August 30
 Mon-Thu; 8:00 am-3:30 pm (except the days Lynette’s gone listed above.)

Sign up anytime online:

Worship Leader Sign Up:
[Sign Up: Worship Leaders](#)
 Or sign up in the narthex!

AFFIRM Youth Group Event, July 21
 Sunday, July 21st will be our second summer AFFIRM Youth Group event and will feature a game of Capture the Flag. We will gather at St. Timothy's Church, 3220 Terrace Drive in Cedar Falls from 7-9 pm. AFFIRM is an inclusive youth group dedicated to gathering junior and senior high students to have fun, talk about God, and encourage one another.

Thanks for serving last week:

Worship Leader: Cyd Grafft

Videographer: Brad Jensen

Computer Operator: Rob Cline

Communion Preparer: Julie Rokes

Greeter: Mark Mortenson

Lawn Mowing: Paul Braley

Lawn Mowing 7/14: Eric Braley

Personal Hygiene Drive

Community Ministries is collecting personal hygiene products for Eye of the Needle. Their back to school drive gives the kits, plus shoes & clothes to students and families for back to school.

Products requested are:

- bar soap
- toothbrushes and toothpaste
- deodorant



(only those items, please!)

Donations can be left in the marked baskets inside the north entrance. Packing will happen on **Sunday, July 21** after worship. Please bring items by then.

What's your favorite hymn?

Pastor Julie wants to know what your favorite hymn is and why. Please email or submit a hymn on paper in the basket provided in the narthex. Hymns submitted will be featured in an upcoming service.

Upcoming schedule

Sunday, July 14

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

11:00 am Fellowship, narthex
Hosted by the Deacons

Wednesday, July 17

4:00 pm Community Ministries, library

Thursday, July 18

1:00 pm Esther Circle Social, Lookout Park
(bring a chair & beverage)

Sunday, July 21

10:00 am Worship, sanctuary

11:00 am Hygiene Kit packing, front yard
(or dining room if poor weather)

Thank You

I want to express my very sincere thanks for all the cards, good wishes, and all the very delicious food I received while I was "right hand" deficient with my broken arm. You more than upheld our church's reputation for friendliness and caring. I felt very special and cared for!

Nancy Hoppe

I wanted to let the church know I received your kind card this past week, wishing me a smooth recovery from my recent jaw surgery.

I have the card sitting on my lounge table with flowers and others get well cards - some from individual members of the First Pres church community. It's a beautiful and comforting sight.

A sincere thank you for your thoughtfulness, carried across the ocean, to find me during a difficult time of healing. It has lifted and strengthened my spirits, knowing there are people across the world who are thinking of me and holding me close.

I am happy to share that I am out of the most difficult stage of recovery, and I find a new sign of health and progress each day.

Warmly

Liz Weinberg

Dear friends,

Your kind words of care and sympathy have meant much to Mark and me these past few weeks. Thank you for your part in remembering and celebrating the lives of two brothers. Your kindness is appreciated.

Blessings,

Jill and Mark Mortenson

Women's Bible Study



Sarah Circle will be using an alternative Bible study book for the 2024-2025 study year.

The title is, "Strong Was Her Faith: Women of the New Testament." If you are interested in participating or just ordering the book, contact Lynette: office@firstprescf.org. The

cost is \$7.50. Sarah Circle typically meets on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am in the upstairs classroom.

Free-Store for International Students, August 13 – 23!

ThreeHouse is actively engaging with international students upon their arrival and throughout their orientation to assist with furniture and supplies, as they often come with very little. If you can help- the following donations are our most needed items:

- Twin or Full mattresses, beds, frames, bedding, and pillows.
- Couches, loveseats, and futons
- Tables and chairs
- Desks and study chairs
- Dressers and nightstands
- Bath towels
- Microwavable plates, kitchenware, rice cookers, microwaves, tea kettles, and coffee pots.

We're assembling Kitchen Kits and welcome contributions: each kit includes 2 plates, 2 sets of silverware, a coffee cup, a cutting knife, a pot, a skillet, a stirring spoon, a spatula, a strainer, kitchen towels and dish rags.

Please note, we **cannot accept** hideaway or electric couches, queen or king-sized beds, recliners, clothing, or knick-knacks due to space and manpower limitations.

To donate, contact 319-266-4071 or office@threehouse.org for furniture pick up, or drop-off at ThreeHouse (2422 College St., Cedar Falls), weekdays from 9 am to 2 pm this summer.

Thank you for supporting international students at UNI!
Accepting items now through August 15.

Celebration Invitation

An Iowa open house reception to celebrate the marriage of Collin Braley and Angie Fuhrman will be held **Saturday, July 20th**, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at the Cedar Falls Women's Club, 304 Clay Street. Any of you who are interested in attending are welcome to join us!

Brad and Rhonda Braley

ThreeHouse Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 pm
(registration at 6:00 pm)

At **Cedar Heights** Community Presbyterian Church

➤ 2015 Rainbow Dr, Cedar Falls

Test your knowledge with questions in categories like arts and literature, science, business and more!

Sign up at: threehouse.org



Become a Dementia Friend

You'll learn some basics of dementia such as what dementia is, how it can affect a person, some tips for communicating with people who have dementia, and other ways to support people with dementia.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Date: Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 -11:00 am

Location: First Presbyterian Church

902 Main St, Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Contact: Megan Zimmerman with questions: mzimmerman@nei3a.org | 319-287-1182

