

## First Reformed Church September 28, 2025

Meals on Wheels needs a few more volunteers to deliver food this week! Please sign up on the opportunities table today!

Kids' Block is seeking volunteers to assist with snack and play time! We meet every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 3:15 to 5:30 pm. We serve grades K-5. Any amount of time donated to these precious children is greatly appreciated. Once a month, even only 1 time. It is rewarding! Contact Helen Cannegieter at 712-454-4026. Please help serve our community and the generations to come.

### **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:**

Whispering Heights: *Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel.*  
Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Duane Ver Mulm, Milt Swier.* Fellowship Village, Inwood: *Jeanette Van Beek.*  
Riverview Ridge: *Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judi Groeneweg, Wilma Schneider, Wilma Humme.*

### **CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:**

*Brian & Elizabeth Bruxvoort* in AK; *Amy and Seung Kim* in Bangladesh; *Brian and Donna Renes*, in Sioux Center; *Dr. Yohannes Bekele* in Ethiopia, *Josh & Alison Perkins* in United Arab Emirates.

## Community Announcements



Love INC Sioux County is seeking a part-time *Church Ambassador*. Qualifications:

- A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a heart for Christian service
- Strong interpersonal, communication and computer skills
- A motivated, self-starter that works independently and collaboratively within a team setting
- Comfortable giving presentations and praying in groups
- Willingness to work with various Christian church denominations

Please send resume to: Love INC Sioux County, PO Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247. For more information, please contact Debbie at 476-5990.

Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Auction Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the South building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Every year there is an opportunity to hear about the highlights of the past fiscal year, trips and financial reports along with a catered meal. After a short meeting there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From homemade items to gift cards, meat bundles and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you'd like to donate an item contact Joel De Wit – [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) or 712.739.0055, don't forget to mark your calendars for Thursday October 9, 2025, Meal starts at 5p Auction starting at 645p.

October 11, 10:30-12:00 PM at First CRC, Sioux Center. Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing You are invited to join us as we consider how the ancient book of Psalms continues to shape and form the Church's worship, and ways that we may benefit from the historic practice of psalm singing. Hear from Dordt communication professor and organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery as they share the ways that they've been able to incorporate the psalter in drastically differing stylistic church contexts.

October 11, 7:00-8:30pm at B.J. Haan Auditorium "Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles" featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery" Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.

For your information:

Dr. Michael Kearney serves as Assistant Professor of Communication at Dordt University. He is also a pianist, organist, and composer with a special interest in musical settings of the psalms. He has given organ concerts in the U.S., Canada, and the Netherlands focusing on the Dutch tradition of psalmody, collaborating with musicians such as André Knevel and Gert van Hoef. He has also accompanied The Genevans, student choir of Geneva College, in tours across the U.S. and to Northern Ireland, Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, the Philippines, and Malaysia. He has been an a cappella precentor in a Reformed Presbyterian (Scottish Covenanter) congregation as well as a pianist and organist in multiple other Reformed and Presbyterian churches, and he has led workshops on psalm-singing at multiple churches and conferences. His website and YouTube channel *URC Psalmody* includes more than 600 recordings of psalms, hymns, and organ music.

Matthew Montgomery is a church musician, guitarist, and recording artist who currently serves on staff at Tates Creek Presbyterian Church in Lexington, KY. He has also called both Pittsburgh and Nashville home, where he formerly served at Grove City College and Covenant Presbyterian Church respectively. Matthew writes and records original songs, instrumental works, and congregational psalm-settings, collaborating with artists such as Phil Keaggy, Jeremy Casella, and others. Matthew is husband to Lois, father to Leland, and debtor to mercy alone.

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email [families@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:families@siouxlandhabitat.org). Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are due October 31.

REGISTER FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Presbyterian Church in Sibley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is November 21-23, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.