



Focus on Faith
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celebration of life

REV. BOB MYREN

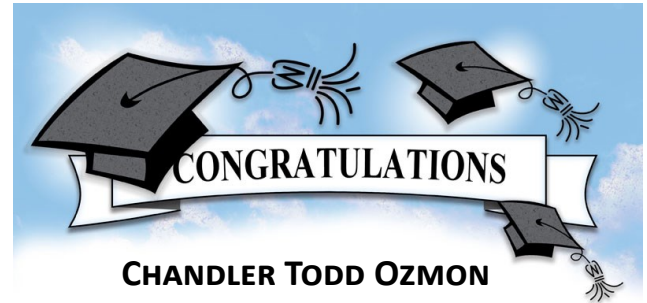
Robert LeRoy Myren, 83, of Grinnell, IA passed away on April 6, 2024 surrounded by family at the Mayflower homes in Grinnell, Iowa.

Pastor Bob served at Faith UCC from 1989 to 1993.

A celebration will be held at Grinnell United Church of Christ in Grinnell, Iowa on Saturday, July 6, 1:00-3:00 pm. Bob's favorite foods will be served and a short, informal program will be held at 2:00 pm. At Bob's request, everyone is invited to laugh, hug, pray, sing, share their favorite stories, and celebrate his life.

Bob is survived by his wife Linda; his children, Rev. Steven (Robin) Myren of Pennsburg, PA, Dr. Lori (Ray Caron) Myren-Manbeck of Saint Louis Park, MN, David (Sharon Doerre) Myren of Austin, TX, and Bobbi Jo (Jim) Boggs of Gilman, IA; grandchildren, Emily (Sam Runyan) Gomez, Andy (Britt) Myren, Katherine Myren-Manbeck, Adrienne Myren-Manbeck, Alexander Myren, Raiya Myren, William Myren, and Tiernan Boggs; 5 great grandchildren; and a brother, Richard "Dick" (Sandy) Myren.

Memorials will go to Re-Member (<https://www.re-member.org/>), in honor of Bob and Linda's year as pastors on the Upper Cheyenne Reservation, and can be mailed in c/o Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112; mailed to the family (Linda Myren, 610 Broad Street, apt E9, Grinnell, IA 50112); or sent directly through this link (<https://www.re-member.org/memorial-gift>).



CHANDLER TODD OZMON



Chandler graduated from GEO Next Generation High School on May 22nd.

This fall, he embarks on a new adventure at IEC-Indy to pursue an electrician career.

WHILE YOU'RE AWAY

Taking regular vacations is key to our well-being. It's important to spend time with loved ones, experience physical and mental refreshment, enjoy changes in scenery and routine, and prepare for future productivity. Just remember: God's work goes on all summer long. When you're on vacation, your friends at church miss you. No one else can fill your unique role in the congregation. Your presence and gifts help the church thrive. So please give your regular offerings before you leave for vacation. And if you have the opportunity, try to attend church while you're away. Have a wonderful summer!

BIBLE QUIZ

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



Answer: (See 1 Kings 21:1-16.)



IT'S THAT TIME, AGAIN! The attic shop ladies want to remind everyone to bring items to the church for them to sort and price. Our annual holiday bazaar is November 2nd.



BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

We are registered. Consider a donation to Birdies to help Faith First! *Our number is 2307.* We will receive your donation plus an additional 5%. There are flyers in Fellowship Hall or donate online <https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate?charity=2307>



My Dearest Friends,

It has been a long week. One I know many of you have walked, because I have walked it with you. If there is anything that I have learned, it is that I am a wonderful cheerleader, and an awful patient!

I want to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers, for the food and flowers and plants, and words of love and encouragement. A huge thank you to Pastor Linda and Marcy for being in the ED with David and I, and for filling in the first Sunday. Thank you, Martha for keeping everything together, and for the God Squad, and everyone else for jumping in to help lead worship, and anything else that needs being done. I can be honest in saying that this is not a road I anticipated going down, ever. But I guess none of us does.

A week ago today, at this moment, I was being wheeled into the OR with more question marks on my chart than answers. But God placed me in the hands of the most wonderful physician, and her loving and compassionate team. I went in with stomach pains, thinking appendicitis, but found more. Once in surgery, Dr. Winter quickly assessed that it was not the appendix, but rather, my small intestine had been sucked into the colon, which resulted in them taking out 1/3 of my colon, along with what she called several "poop stones." She did a colon resection and took a biopsy of the tumors on my liver.

The poop stones, along with the spots on the liver, and some on my stomach lining, are called NETs, or Neuroendocrine Tumors. Mine is called Neuroendocrine Colon Cancer. My pathology report came back with the lowest grade, and what they call well-defined

cells. That means it is the best of what you could hope for. The "good news" is that NETs have been found to be very treatable, and there are so many options in how to treat them.

I have to heal from this surgery before I can think about oncology and coming up with a treatment plan. David and I have decided to go to the University of Iowa, and Dr. Winter has referred me to Dr. Chitneni, who is here in the Quad Cities. She has a great rapport with her, and trusts her, so I am happy.

We have no idea what will happen, and that is what weighs heavy on my heart. I so want to be back among you, and look forward to being there soon, but I need to ask for your patience. Like I said, I am not a good patient, but I am practicing. I want to heal right, so that I don't end up in a back slide. I love your texts and calls, and emails, and all the communication.

Please don't be upset if you don't hear back from me right away. It may be naptime, or that I have been on the phone all day already, and just need a break. I promise, I will get back to you. And please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers, and I cannot begin to share how loved I feel by all of you.

Thank you for being you. Thank you for caring for me and my family and thank you for caring for one another. I love you all so much and cannot wait to be back with you.

Always Peace,
Pastor Heidi

A graphic with the text 'We're PRAYING FOR YOU Heidi' in white, set against a blue, textured background with yellow and white speckles.

We're
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FOR YOU
Heidi



Board Notes

Board Meeting—May 15

1. Petersen Plumbing repaired the leak of the inside shutoff valve at the parsonage.
2. A committee has been formed for the Faith First 2024 Celebration which will be held in September.
3. The FCC items in the storage unit have been removed. We will have a sale on July 20th.
4. Trivia Night was a success. \$1,623 was raised.
5. The Scouts have built a fire pit.
6. Glenn Perreault is heading up the committee to replace the signage in front of the church.

Hope at the Brick House

We will not be serving meals during the summer.

Share-A-Meal

We are not scheduled to serve this month.



Women's Group will meet at the home of Deb Sullivan for a cookout. Please bring a dish to share.

Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

May Newsletter article deadline is June 16.

May Newsletter will be mailed by June 26.

Treasurer's Report April 2024			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	APRIL	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 7,058.00	\$ 6,417.38	\$ 26,897.40
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 450.00	\$ 2,035.00
OCWM	\$ 165.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 705.00
DOCM	\$ 410.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,020.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 380.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 2,006.25
Total Giving	\$ 8,013.00	\$ 7,627.38	\$ 33,663.65
GENERAL FUND			
	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 7,058.00	\$ 6,867.38	\$ 28,488.39
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 285.46	\$ 1,769.12
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,621.18
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 7,058.00	\$ 7,152.84	\$ 40,878.69
Pastor Expense	\$ 7,261.00	\$ 6,321.23	\$ 27,884.41
Employee Expense	\$ 1,335.00	\$ 1,147.70	\$ 4,760.68
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 447.00	\$ 194.30	\$ 801.86
Office Expense	\$ 599.00	\$ 662.46	\$ 2,364.00
Property Expense	\$ 2,057.00	\$ 2,075.88	\$ 8,656.82
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 11,699.00	\$ 10,401.57	\$ 44,467.77
Net General Fund	\$ (4,641.00)	\$ (3,248.73)	\$ (3,589.08)

Submitted by Martha Watters



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| 1 | Trenton Wakeland |
| 2 | Dennis Jacobsen |
| 13 | Karen Wakeland |
| 23 | Janelle Hoker |
| 26 | Lucas Smith |

An ode to dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.

Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

—Author unknown





a worship series about getting animated and embracing change

who had to be suspicious of difference in order to survive. But this part of our psyche can cause us, and others, no end of frustration and fear. And it can keep our communities stuck in a way that prevents us from our joy and our passion for ministry.

This worship series doesn't start by assuming that we are "ready" for a change. Only in the fourth week of this series do we take the first step. We spend the first three weeks of this four-week series steeping ourselves in the idea that change is what we are made for...that we are actually made and equipped by a Creator that knew we would need to be partners and agents of change throughout history. We must be called to change. We must spend time discerning and deepening our understanding of the call that is luring us until we are ready to let go of "what was" in favor of the new creation.

"CHANGE IS GOOD, YOU GO FIRST!" I love this saying — I used to have a T-shirt that said this. It is so true. We know deep down that life is impossible without change—that change is inevitable. We have inherited this natural tendency to feel apprehension about change from our ancestors

Our Faith First Family

Don Walton
 Jim Perreault
 Sid and Ardella Boots
 Pam Edmond
 Linda Cox
 Jeff McWilliams
 Blake Padavich
 Karen Risler
 Dan Lawler
 Deb Lobdell
 Rev. Barb Koenig
 Blake Padavich
 Heidi Hulme

Our Homebound

Millie Allison
 Darlene Carlin
 Paul Dammeier
 Connie Disney
 Ella Frahm
 Nancy Giles
 Dennis Jacobson
 Jan Johnson
 Hazel Jones
 Virginia Lemons
 Harriet Meye
 Colleen Skinner
 Harry Stroupe

Our Family and Friends

Allison Byers	Morgan Frazer
Bob Cox and family	Alberto
Terry Showens	Fran Frutiger
Judy Cummings	Harrison Schmitt
Taryn Menning	Melissa Haynes



Our World

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

Regional Youth Service Project

The youth will be putting Period Packs together at the **GREAT LAKES & WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL YOUTH EVENT**. If you would like to donate for the purchase of any items, please put a note on your donation "for period packs". Each kit needs two 2 oz. bottles hand sanitizer, three 4-gallon bathroom trash bags, one travel pack of Wet ones, ten unscented tampons (5 regular and 5 super), ten unscented sanitary napkins, one bath size bar of soap, one pack of flushable wipes, and six laundry detergent sheets.


The event is July 17-20 at Augustana College.

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Dear heavenly Father, we come as your children to praise you for putting us in our family — and in our church family. Thank you for the love and nourishment we receive from the people in whose presence you've placed us. We confess our need for your guidance in our families and congregation. Please grant us harmony in our homes and church body. In all situations, help us show love, patience and respect for one another. In your name we pray. ~Amen.



June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>New Worship Time Is 10:00 a.m.</p>						1
<p>2 Summer Hours</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>ELECTION DAY 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Women's Group 6 pm @ Deb S</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting 11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>  <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Troop 828 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Basket Class 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merit Badge 6 to 8 p.m.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Mail Newsletter</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>				