

FPC Calendar for the Week of March 10 - 17, 2019

(Also visit <http://www.fpcdavenport.org/Calendar.html>)

Sunday, March 10; *First Sunday in Lent*

8:15 AM Manna & More - Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
 10:10 AM ACE Titles: *Who Is Jesus? The Book of Matthew* - Room 306
 10:10 AM ACE Topics: *Hannah Ritter* - Von Maur Hall
 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - IN RECESS
 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307
 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 4:00 PM Cecelian Singers - IN RECESS
 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - IN RECESS

Monday, March 11

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - IN RECESS
 5:30 PM Deacons' Executive Committee - Von Maur Hall
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
 6:30 PM Deacons' Outreach - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development - Parlor
 7:00 PM Mission Connection - Von Maur Hall
 7:30 PM Board of Deacons - Von Maur Hall
 7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - IN RECESS
 5:00 PM Finance Meeting - Finance Office
 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Parlor

Wednesday, March 13

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 10:00 AM Women of Hope Bible Study - Von Maur Hall
 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 1:00 PM Compassion & Choices of Iowa - Parlor
 2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - IN RECESS
 5:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - IN RECESS
 6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
 6:15 PM Matin Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - IN RECESS
 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, March 14

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - IN RECESS
 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Practice - Gym
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday, March 15

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, March 16

10:00 AM PUNCH Meeting - Sacred Heart Cathedral, 422 E. 10th St., Davenport
 5:00 PM First Night Out Potluck and Crazy Bridge - Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 17; *Second Sunday in Lent*

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
 10:00 AM Personnel Committee Open Forum - Parlor
 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
 10:10 AM ACE Titles: *Who Is Jesus? The Book of Luke* - Room 306
 10:10 AM ACE Topics: *Bob Stone, Family Resources Volunteer Coordinator* - Von Maur Hall
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 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
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MUSIC MINISTRY

Musikgarten - Sundays, 10:20 AM

We celebrate setting aside 30 minutes on a Sunday morning – the best 30 minutes of the week – to spend singing and playing with our littlest ones as they learn and grow in a God-centered musical family.

Musikgarten is for infants through three year olds and their parents and/or grandparents. Our 30 minute Musikgarten class meets between services on Sunday mornings from 10:20-10:50 AM in Room 307, following the Sunday School schedule. Come and join us! We would love to celebrate with you! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



A Service of Choral Evensong for the Season of Lent

featuring the Chamber Chorale

Sunday, March 24, 7:30 PM

NOT TICKETED

Join the FPC Chamber Chorale for a Service of Choral Evensong, programmed specially for the season of Lent. With its roots in the monastic offices of early Christianity, the Service of Evensong has become a deeply impactful service in churches across the US, Canada, and England. Sung portions of the liturgy include psalms, evening canticles, prayers, and choral anthems. A description from Coventry Cathedral in England, reads: “Evensong... is a very tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour... in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong... it is as if you are dropping in on a conversation already in progress — a conversation between God and His people which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.” We invite you to mark the third Sunday of the forty-day journey of Lent with this special musical service.



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, March 10, 2019

The announcements that follow inform you of various First Presbyterian Church ministries, programs, and events to which you are invited. Please save this publication; take it home and keep it for easy reference.

Lent 2019: Welcome Home

This Lent, our theme will be “Welcome Home.” We’ll preach a sermon series on the stories of coming home in scripture, and our children’s programming will celebrate the joys of their church home. Children are also invited to give thanks for their blessings at home through collecting change for the One Great Hour of Sharing, which goes to Presbyterian missions around the world. Our church is undergoing large transitions this year. Let’s take time during Lent to come back to our church home – to celebrate our talents, strengthen our connections to fellow members, and prepare our hearts for Christ’s grace.

Manna & More Breakfast - Today, 8:15 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service from 8:15-10:30 AM today. Enjoy breakfast pizza, fruit and assorted beverages. Adults \$3, children (12 & under) \$1. Everyone is invited -- see you there!

There is *NO* Sunday School, Youth Group or Kirkwood Club this week because it's Spring Break! And pretty much everyone left.

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet March 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church parlor. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and the fellowship of lovely people, while creating gifts for others, please join us. Newcomers are welcome. Patterns and yarn are available. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to this ministry, you may bring finished items to the church office. Donations of yarn are also accepted. Questions? Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-4622; nancyotr97@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawls Available to Give: The members of the Prayer Shawl group (PSST) invite you to give a prayer shawl to a family member, friend, neighbor or colleague that is in need of God’s loving presence. The recipient need not be a member of the church. A prayer shawl or lap robe is tangible evidence of God’s presence among us and can be given in times of challenge or joy. Shawls are available every Sunday on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary and on the coat racks in Fellowship Hall and near the main office at all times during the week.

Personnel Committee Open Forum

Sunday, March 17, 10:00 AM

To foster open communication, the Personnel Committee will be available for church members to bring them any concerns they may have at 10:00 AM, Sunday, March 17, in the Parlor.

Butterfly Blessings - Saturday, March 23, 2:00 PM

Butterfly Blessings, an annual gathering for those who have been touched by the death of an infant before or shortly after birth will be held Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 PM at Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island. It includes personal stories, music, a candlelighting ceremony and a simple craft project made in remembrance of the baby. For information or to pre-register, please call Trinity Pastoral Care (309-779-2989) or email mary.colwell@unitypoint.org.

Mailing Address

Last fall, our congregation celebrated Jesus’ teachings in Matthew 25, caring for the thirsty, hungry, naked, sick, and imprisoned in our community. Now we have the opportunity to continue this practice. Church member David Williams is jailed in Muscatine awaiting his trial in April. If you would like to send him a card, please ask the church office for his address.

CONGREGATION NEWS

Session Highlights from February 18, 2019

- Rev. Katie Styrts named Acting Executive in addition to serving as Associate Pastor.
- Thank you to Steve Arp and Doug Wells for their expertise and labor in selling a donated property. Proceeds were deposited in the Foundation Endowment Fund.
- Interim Pastor Search officially begins, as the Ministries Information Form (MIF) was approved by Presbytery on February 9, 2019.
- Session Minutes for meetings dated October 1, 2018 through December 17, 2018 were approved and are available to Congregation Members for reading at the church.
- Sound System Advisory Council formed to address technology needs in the Sanctuary.
- Personnel Committee, replacing the Church Government and Personnel Committee, description of duties is available.
- Presbytery has begun the Safe Gatherings Training Program for Pastors, with the goal of preventing exploitation and sexual abuse in congregations.
- Facilities Supervisor David Williams is on personal leave of absence.
- Single Services of Worship at 10:00 AM will be celebrated on July 14 (VBC Sunday), August 4 (Bix Sunday), December 1 (Advent Lessons and Carols), and December 29.

You're Invited to the Programming & Planning Meeting of FPC

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 PM

The next FPC programming, planning and calendarization meeting will be on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30-6:30 PM. Committees are now meeting to plan programming and events out for the year. Plans will be communicated to church leadership and the staff. The next FIRST PRESS (outlining the programming for June through August) will be published the end of May. Articles for that publication are due to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by May 1, 2019.

New Member Inquiry - Sunday, March 24, 12:15 PM

Anyone interested in learning more about membership and the opportunities for involvement at First Presbyterian Church, is invited to an informal get-together with staff, several Deacons and Elders on Sunday, March 24 in the Parlor (located on the second floor of the educational building) at 12:15 PM. Bring your questions and enjoy bagels and fruit as you visit. Attendance does not require a decision to become a member. New Member Sunday will be April 14. The Hospitality and Welcoming Committee looks forward to meeting you.

CELEBRATING HOPE

Calling All Artisans!

Sign Up Now for "Sharing Our Visions of Hope" Art Show

Sign up to participate in "Sharing Our Visions of Hope" Art Show at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 19, 2019 in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (between worship services and following second service). No admission charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated; proceeds to support First Pres! More to come!

We want to share the talents of our congregation! A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. Please fill in your name and what item(s) you can display, for example: painting - etching, illustrating; sculpture - wire, origami; textiles - quilts, knitting, crocheting; spinning, weaving; woodworking, caning; photography; fashion design; poetry, novels.

This event will be advertised and open to the public. There will be a Children's Corner for budding artists. Questions? Please call Pat Cresap (563-449-8148) or Bill Hawthorne (563-391-9971). Sponsored by the Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development Committee.



CARING FOR SELF & OTHERS

Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In March, we are collecting spring cleaning items such as dish soap, cleaning spray, antibacterial wipes, and toilet bowl cleaner. If you can, please purchase one or more items for the food pantry each week when you shop. Any non-perishable food, toiletry or monetary donation will be accepted. You can drop off your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Grothusen (563-505-4964; mjgrothusen@hotmail.com).

Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, March 17, 12:00 PM



All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts can join us on Sunday, March 17, in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM. The clothes we make are sent to children in Africa, Guatemala, Cambodia and Haiti as well as to Appalachia and South Dakota, in the U.S. Please bring your own sewing machines and invite others who would like to participate. We will have refreshments. Contact Sharon Simmonds (563-355-7008) for information.

Davenport Food Pantry - Tuesday, March 19, 4:00 PM



FPC will be volunteering at the Davenport Food Pantry at J. B. Young on Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. If you can be there, please let Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691) know!



Veda Gill to Visit FPC - Sunday, April 7 and Monday, April 8, 10:00 AM

Veda Gill, the head of the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan, will be in eastern Iowa in early April. She will be with FPC April 6-9 speaking to ACE on the April 7. We are inviting interested parties in the congregation to meet with her on Monday April 8 at 10:00 AM at the Village Inn on Locust. It will be an opportunity for members to learn more about the Pasrur School in Pakistan and Veda's work with the education system there. She is also a very interesting and insightful person, with much to share with us.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

ACE: Christian Titles & Topics - Sundays, 10:10 AM

Today: Christian Titles - Who is Jesus? The Book of Matthew, 10:10 AM, Room 306

During Lent, an adult study group will meet upstairs in room 306. The group will study "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." Each week of this study focuses on Jesus in a different book of the Bible. You are welcome to drop in any week - this study requires no preparation, and there will be plenty of copies for all! If you'd like to purchase a study book, copies are \$8.

Today: Christian Topics - Hannah Ritter, 10:10 AM, Von Maur Hall

Hannah Ritter will provide information about the Boys and Girls Club, and the services it provides for youth.

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

Wednesday, March 13 - Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel

Bible Basics has been going on for over a year now and we haven't yet read the creation story from Genesis. It is time the fix that. Read Genesis, Chapters 1-4 for our discussion on March 13. For more information and study outlines please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607). Newcomers are always welcome.

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Pickleball! - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM

Is winter keeping you indoors? Do you want to get out and have some fun? Join us in the FPC gym from 9:00-11:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for play pickleball. If you haven't played before, or if you're an experienced player, come enjoy fun and fellowship! We have extra equipment for those just getting started. Please contact Diane Schroeder (563-326-5753) or David Fairweather (563-359-9712) for more information.

Women of Hope Bible Study - Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 AM

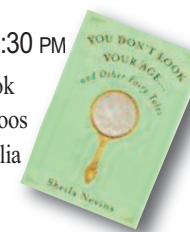
Join us on Wednesday, March 13 as we begin our new study, "That's What She Said: Quoteable Women in Scripture." Women of Hope Bible Study Group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in Von Maur Hall at 10:00 AM. Materials are provided and no advanced preparation is required. Please contact Jeanne Sherwood (jssherwood@gmail.com; 563-391-9287) for more information about Women of Hope. Newcomers are always welcome.

First Night Out - Saturday, March 16, 5:00 PM

First Night Out will meet Saturday, March 16 at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall for a potluck and Crazy Bridge Night.

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, March 18, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? All are welcome to join the BTC Book Club on Monday, March 18 at 12:30 PM in Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Bev Koos will lead our discussion of *You Don't Look Your Age and Other Fairy Tales* by Shelia Nevins. Please call hostess Carol Phoenix (563-332-0980) to R.S.V.P.



Page Turners Book Club - Monday, March 25, 1:00 PM

Page Turners are meeting on Monday, March 25 at 1:00 PM at the home of Kay Loewenstein.

Socializers - Sunday, March 31, 12:00 PM

Join us for a potluck lunch on Sunday, March 31 at noon! For decades, the Socializers group has met for dinner and a speaker. However, evening attendance has been down. Please attend if you're interested in moving Socializers to a lunch activity. We will discuss the future of Socializers and potential upcoming speakers. New attendees are always welcome - the food is delicious!

Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 PM

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. As our March meeting was cancelled, we'll discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. Please join us! If you need a copy of the book, please contact Katie (styrts@fpcdavenport.org).

Easter Celebration - Saturday, April 13, 1:00-3:00 PM

Easter Celebration: Mother Nature has PROMISED to behave herself this year so that our Easter Celebration can happen! It's going to be on Saturday, April 13 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to this fun event, and donations of candy and small prizes for eggs are sought, as well as some plastic eggs themselves. There is a bin in the Narthex for all donations.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH



Wall of Hope

We have a Wall of Hope in the back of the Sanctuary to benefit our FPC Youth Group. Anyone who would like to support their youth of FPC in their mission work and Triennium trip this summer can simply remove an envelope, place the suggested donation amount into it, and place it in the basket provided. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE YOUTH OF FPC!