

The Kids Against Hunger project is back at FPC!

The second annual "Kids Against Hunger" drive will take place from March 6-9 at First Pres. The Quad-Cities chapter will again host "packaging sessions" during which volunteers work on an assembly line (typically 12 people) to bag a special blend of rice, soy, dried vegetables, and vitamins for delivery to a coordinating organization in a foreign country (probably Nicaragua or Honduras). Each bag, when cooked with boiling water, will provide six servings to a family in need.



Sign-up today to help!

You can be a part of the 2011 "Kids Against Hunger" project at FPC!



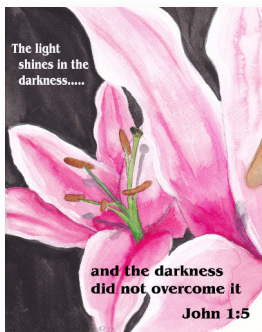
Kids Against Hunger 2010

During the March 2010 event at First Pres, more than 25,000 meals were packaged! Multiple packaging sessions will be held between March 6 and 9 (and please note, this is NOT just for kids – all ages are invited). The cost to participate in a packaging event is \$25/person, with additional contributions to be provided by the Mission Connection Committee of Deacons. Scholarships are also available for those who cannot afford the \$25. Recruit or join a team and invite your friends. Sign-up opportunities will be provided between Sunday services, or contact Cindy Kuhn (563-332-8804, dancin79@gmail.com) or Craig Foster (563-391-4622, cfoster871@mchsi.com).

Ash Wednesday Services, March 9, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday begins the Holy Season of Lent. Lent is a time when the faithful focus on the trials of Jesus, as well as their own trials of what it means to live as humans in the imperfect state of grace. Two services of worship are scheduled to mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011. They will include meditation, a brief service of penitence with the optional imposition of ashes, and a brief service of Holy Communion.

A Preview of the First Pres. Lenten Devotional Booklet



Daily Devotional for Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011:

"Ash Wednesday, with ashes as a sign of repentance and sorrow for our sins, begins the season of Lent, a time of preparation for God's saving gift in Jesus Christ. Looking at our scriptures, Luke 18:9-14; Jonah 3:4:11; Hebrews 12:1-14; Psalm 51, with God's word from Jonah, Nineveh repents in sackcloth and ashes with fasting God forgives them! Luke helps us look at ourselves; do we think there is little need of repentance or do we know our personal great sinfulness? Knowing I'm the sinner is the easy part! Hebrews calls us to accept trial as discipline that's good for us. Purposefully striving daily, even just 40 days, to follow a symbolic Lenten discipline is a challenge. But what I really need to

acknowledge is how often I am Jonah, not willing to do what I know that God wants. God, through Jesus, calls me to do so much more; obeying would make a real difference in God's world. May we heed God's call this season of Lent. Let the words of Psalm 51 prompt your prayer today; Lord, 'put a new and right spirit within me ... sustain in me a willing spirit.' (vs. 10b and 12b) Amen."

Note: Lenten Devotions will be available to read on the church website and will also be provided as handouts that may be picked up at the Welcome Desk on Sunday, March 6. The entire Lenten Devotional booklet will be available on Sunday, March 13.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Sharing resources, changing lives



Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of

Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?

The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent. Go to <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/specialofferings/one-great-hour-sharing-offering/> to learn more about the provocative and challenging ministries that our denomination supports to end childhood poverty, promote social justice, and relieve suffering in the midst of crisis.

When is the offering received?

We will receive it throughout Lent.



The Rev. Richard Miller

Out the Study Window – Pressing toward Goals

It is no surprise to the staff, and to many of you who know me well, that being goal oriented is written into my DNA. I suppose that one could argue that I resonate with Paul the Apostle who expresses this orientation in Philippians 3:12-16.

During this time of transition, as we move from a four-person pastoral caring team to a three-person caring team, it is important to focus on the spiritual and caring needs of the congregation. Together with Rev. Pamela Hoogheem and Parish Nurse Barb Yankey, I am committed to making sure pastoral care remains a top priority. I am also personally encouraged by Deacons who will be trained as In-Touch visitors later this month.

In-Touch is a program that matches up Deacons with folks in the church who desire and enjoy visits from other church members. These Deacons will be a great help and support to members in the congregation and to the pastoral care staff.

Being a goal oriented person, I have decided to try something new during Lent with you, the members of the congregation. Right now I have a personal goal to lose weight. Soon the congregation will be challenged by the annual denominational offering, the One Great Hour of Sharing. So this year we are going to challenge you to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing in a fun way. For every pound of weight I lose, I plan on giving \$5 to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Now here is the fun challenge for you. Will you pledge \$1, or \$2, or \$5, or more per pound as I lose weight during Lent and then give it to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering?

Here are even more options for you to consider. Perhaps you want to push yourself in a similar way that I am pushing myself. All you have to do is fill out the form below, tear it off and send it or bring to the church office and place it in the Parish Nurse's mail box. Or, you can pledge to give to the weight loss goals of two of our church members, Mike Bawden and Frank Crutcher who have enthusiastically said they will join me in the battle of the bulge. Whatever you decide to do, let's all have fun losing what we don't need, "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13b-14)

Formal "weigh-ins" for Richard Miller, Mike Bawden, and Frank Crutcher will take place at the Healthy Corner in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings during Lent. If you decide to sponsor yourself, you can join us and weigh-in each Sunday and record your own weight loss immediately. Otherwise, you will be expected to monitor your own weight loss numbers, on your honor, and either phone or e-mail those numbers to Parish Nurse Barb Yankey, who will record them for you on the bulletin board display at the Healthy Corner.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - March 8, 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



Before those penitential days of Lent arrive, why not enjoy some pancakes on "Fat Tuesday?" On Tuesday, March 8, from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall, come and enjoy a delicious hot pancake supper. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

A Service for Wholeness

Sunday, March 20, 12:15 PM

During Lent we will begin having what many in our denomination call a "healing and wholeness" worship experience. We will gather every third Sunday at around 12:15 PM in the sanctuary to pray, reflect on scripture, receive anointing and open ourselves up to God's healing presence. Rev. Pamela Hoogheem and Rev. Richard Miller invite anyone who feels burdened by their past, or who may be experiencing present difficulties to come and give praise to God; renew their strength in God; and allow God to console us in all our affliction. The first Service for Wholeness will take place on March 20, at around 12:15 PM in the sanctuary.

Did you miss Sunday's worship service?

Recordings of the sermons are available for you to listen to and watch on the web. Go to the church website (fpcdavenport.org), click on the Resources link, and choose the sermon you want to hear or view. You may also check out a DVD recording of Sunday services from the Church Library.

Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum - Sunday, March 6, at 10:05 AM

In an attempt to foster open communication, the Church Government & Personnel Committee will be available for church members to bring them any concerns they may have between services on Sunday, March 6, in the Parlor.

One Great Hour of Sharing Weight Loss Challenge



I pledge to donate: *(please mark one)* \$1 per pound \$2 per pound \$5 per pound

toward *(please mark one or more)*: Richard's loss Mike's loss Frank's loss

I pledge to donate toward my own personal weight loss *(please mark one)*

\$1 per pound \$2 per pound \$5 per pound

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

Clip out this pledge to support and sponsor the One Great Hour of Sharing Weight Loss Challenge and return it to the church office. After the Season of Lent, you will be notified by the church office how much weight Richard, Mike, or Frank lost and how much your sponsorship pledge totals. Remember all sponsorship dollars will go towards the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.



Broadway musical. A fully-staged classic.

Reserved seating.

Saturday, March 19, 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 20, 4:00 PM

Adults \$12 Students \$8

Nunsense begins when the Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters, and they are in dire need of funds for the burials. The sisters decide that the best way to raise the money is to put on a variety show, so they take over the school auditorium, which is currently set up for the eighth grade production of "Grease." Here we meet Reverend Mother Regina, a former circus performer; Sister Mary Hubert, the Mistress of Novices; a streetwise nun from Brooklyn named Sister Robert Anne; Sister Mary Leo, a novice who is a wannabe ballerina; and the delightfully wacky Sister Mary Amnesia, the nun who lost her memory when a Crucifix fell on her head. Featuring star turns, tap and ballet dancing, an audience quiz, and comic surprises, this show has become an international phenomenon. With more than 5,000 productions worldwide, it has been translated into 21 languages.

First Presbyterian's Cast of Characters:

Sister Mary Regina, the Mother Superior, played by Wendy Hammen, is to the outside world a model Mother Superior even though she is very self-conscious about her weight. To those who know her, she is outrageous, quick-witted, and knows how to get a laugh. She tries to convince the Sisters that she is strict, but everyone knows that her "bark is worse than her bite!" She is a Sophie Tucker-type who can't resist the spotlight.

Sister Mary Hubert played by K.C. Griesenbeck is a kind person who always tries to be understanding and diplomatic. She teaches the Novices the ground rules, and attempts to be dignified. But with the slightest bit of encouragement she is ready to kick up her heels. She is the second in command, and is always competing with the Mother Superior.

Sister Robert Anne is played by Heidi Pedersen and is a tough streetwise nun from Brooklyn who has a heart of gold. All the kids adore her because she speaks their language. She can also hit a baseball "out of the park." She serves as a constant source of aggravation for the Mother Superior.

Sister Mary Amnesia, played by Kerri Petersen, is the picture of innocence and is a sweet soul. She lost her memory after a Crucifix fell on her head. Since she can't remember her past, she looks at each new day with childlike joy.

Sister Mary Leo, played by Anne Page, had been a professional dancer before she entered the convent and is always eager to display her talent. She is very impressionable because she is young and can easily be led astray. She entered the convent with the firm desire to become the first nun ballerina.

Body, Mind, & Spirit by Parish Nurse Barb Yankey

"Each friend represents a world in us, a world of possibility not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." (Anais Nin)

Scott Minter and I became colleagues January 2008, when I was hired as the parish nurse for the church. While working with Scott, I have discovered a "world of possibility" within myself regarding pastoral care. During the past three years, I have witnessed Scott's pastoral care filled with genuine compassion and love, touched with understanding, and almost always, a bit of humor. Scott departs as a cherished friend not only of mine but of many. His friendship has opened a "new world" within me, and I will do my best, along with Pastors Richard and Pamela, to carry on Scott's pastoral care ministry here at First Presbyterian Church.

Please bear with us as the Pastors and I discern how to best administer pastoral care in a manner which will be most beneficial for the congregation. I am asking church members to be a part of the "care team," by keeping us informed of congregational needs requiring pastoral attention and care. Because I'm hired for 16 hours per week and due to the nature of my work, I'm not always in the church office. To reach me, please e-mail me at yankey@fpcdavenport.org or call the church office to leave a telephone message. When calling, please state your name, message, time and date of the call. One of the Pastors or I will be in touch with you.

During this time of transition as I say good-bye to Scott, I find comfort in the benediction found in Hebrews 13:20-21: "Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." May these words comfort you.

Peace be with You – Barb Yankey, R.N., parish nurse

MAIA QUARTET



The University of Iowa
String Quartet-in-Residence
Co-sponsored by Quad City Arts
Visiting Artist Series
Reserved seating.
Sunday, March 13, 4:00 PM
Adults \$12 Students \$8

Since its formation in 1990, the Maia Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Iowa, has established itself nationally as an ensemble of innovation and versatility. Praised by critics for its "sparkling musical intelligence," (*The Baltimore Sun*) the Quartet has appeared in major concert halls throughout the U.S. and abroad, including New York's Alice Tully Hall, Merkin Hall and the 92nd Street Y, Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center, Beijing's Forbidden City Concert Hall and the Aspen Music Festival's Harris Hall.

PSST--Prayer
Shawl Second
Tuesday group -
in recess on Tuesday, March 8:
PSST will not be meeting on Tuesday,
March 8 because it is Shrove Tuesday and
all are encouraged to attend the Pancake
Supper in Fellowship Hall. PSST will
meet again on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.



Children's Worship and Wonder: March 20 and 27

This Lent season, we will hear the stories of Jesus and the Children and Jesus and Bartimaeus. Please remember that we will end our worship time at 10:00 AM and to meet your child at the Chapel doors. You are welcome to come worship with your child! The service follows a liturgy of ritual words, actions, sights, and sounds—much like worship in the Sanctuary.

Children's Worship and Wonder meets on most Sundays at 9:20 AM in the Children's Worship Center on the third floor of the Christian Education Building. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Pastor Pamela (326-1691 or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).

Kids Against Hunger at High School Fellowship

On Sunday, March 6, from 6:30-7:30 PM, the High School Fellowship group will participate in a packaging event for the Kids Against Hunger mission project. Each participant must ensure that the registration fee of \$25 is paid before the event; scholarships are available to cover part or all of the cost, so please talk to Pastor Pamela. Youth must register in advance by contacting Cindy Kuhn, Craig Foster, or Pastor Pamela. The entire event will be focused on KAH; we will not play any games that night.

Middle School Fellowship (MSF) and Kirkwood Club (KWC)

During these first weeks of Lent we will explore how to show and share our faith in Jesus with people in our lives. Some questions we will consider include: What is so great about the Christian story that we'd want to tell others? What is the Christian story?! How do we find opportunities to do things that tell about Jesus? Why is mission important?

MSF and KWC is in recess Wednesday, March 9 and 30.

Middle School Fellowship (6th - 8th grade) meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in Von Maur Hall. Kirkwood Club (2nd - 5th grade) meets on Wednesdays at 6:45 PM in Von Maur Hall. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Pamela (563-326-1691, ext. 209, or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).

High School Fellowship (HSF)

March 6: Kids Against Hunger event; pre-registration required.

March 13: Dr. Derek Ball talks about family relationships and how to deal with parents.

March 20: Nonsense - HSF in RECESS

March 27: Guest speaker: The "T" in LGBT.

High School Fellowship (HSF) meets on Sundays at 6:00 PM in Von Maur Hall. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Pamela (563-326-1691, ext. 209 or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).



One Great Hour of Sharing Fish Banks are Out and About in the Promise Land Sunday School

Please be sure that your child(ren) has a fish bank so that she/he may participate in this special offering of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The act of giving to support the greater ministry of the church is a valuable aspect of Christian education and practicing the values that Jesus preached and lived. You can use the sacred time of Lent to teach your child(ren) and also learn from them the value of giving in the name of Christ

No Ordinary Vacation Bible Camp! June 13-17, 2011

Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street is our VBC program for this summer. Kids will be drawn into the stories Jesus told about everyday people in everyday situations. But his stories were anything but ordinary! Jesus turned lives upside down and hearts inside out through parables that challenged people to look at themselves and others in new and unexpected ways. Kids will explore Jesus' parables in a variety of interactive ways and take a new look at what the Bible says about gratitude, compassion, forgiveness, grace, and faithfulness. So come join the celebration on Main Street for an inside-out, upside-down experience like no other...and let Jesus make a difference in YOU! Vacation Bible Camp is open to Pre-K (3-4 year olds) through 5th grade. Look forward to more information coming your way soon!



Adult Learning Opportunities

Von Maur Hall Series - Sundays, 10:00 AM

March 6: "Joseph, the rest of the story"

You know of Joseph, the victim, with his multicolored coat, sold into slavery by his brothers. You know of Joseph, the hero, rising to power in Egypt and giving food to his brothers during a multi-year famine. But then what did Joseph do? Do you know the rest of the story? Jim Tucker will present and lead a discussion of the rest of the story.

March 13: Answering your questions about end of life care

What can individuals and families expect when dealing with a terminal illness? What decisions will they face? How do you decide on what medical interventions might be appropriate? When do you decide to stop certain therapies? What medical resources are available to help? Dr. Steve Sorensen will join us to discuss end-of-life care. He will give a short presentation and then answer your questions. Dr. Sorensen is a faculty physician at the Genesis Family Medicine Residency Program and Medical Director at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House. Please join us and bring your questions.

March 20: to be announced

March 27: Islam and Christianity's Connection: Adam and the Koran

We are very fortunate to have Professor Cyrus Ali Zargar from the Department of Religion, Augustana College lead us in a four-week series, *What Christians Want to Know About Islam*. This series will continue through the first three Sundays in April. Please join us for this wonderful educational opportunity.



Dr. Cyrus Zargar

Monday Morning Video Discussion -

10:30 AM, in the Fireplace Room

Lives of Great Christians - The Monday morning Video Series and Discussion will finish the spring considering the lives of some great practitioners of Christian living. This will appropriately follow our series of the History of Christian Theology with the chance to see Christianity at work in the lives of a rich variety of people around the world through 2,000 years of Christianity. There are many ways to walk in the Master's footsteps; perhaps one of these witnesses will help you on your journey. Class meets 11 Monday mornings, beginning March 14, at 10:30 AM in the Fireplace Room. For additional information contact Penné Duncan, (penndu@aol.com or 563-381-2439). Feel free to attend any or all of these classes.

March 14: Paul and the First Christian Missionaries, The early Martyrs

March 21: St. Antony, the First Monk, The Desert Fathers and Mothers

March 28: Augustine, St. Patrick and the Conversion of Ireland



The Deacons' Corner

The members of the Board of Deacons are called by the congregation to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to anyone in distress. The Deacons are responsible for meeting the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the congregation and the greater community.

To meet these needs, the Board of Deacons has a \$22,750 budget for 2011. Did you know monies from the annual church budget provide only \$4,000 to the Deacons' budget? The majority of the Deacons' funds are raised by the congregation's generous support through "Green Envelope" contributions and fundraisers. A special "thank you" to all who contribute is this way.

In our local community, the Board of Deacons provides monetary support for a least a dozen different agencies. The Deacons' Corner in the *Broadcaster* newsletter will highlight one of these agencies each month so the congregation has a better appreciation of just how far their contributions reach

The Sacred Heart Food Pantry at The Center, located at 1411 Brady Street, has served the needy of Davenport since 1982. It is affiliated with Churches United of the Quad Cities and is the oldest continuously running food pantry in the Iowa Quad Cities. It serves Davenport residents living from Harrison Street, east to Bettendorf, and from Kimberly Road, south to the river. Those in need are allowed an emergency ration of food once per month. A ration may contain soup, canned vegetables, tomato sauce, pasta, cereal, potatoes, canned meat, rice, a boxed dinner, bar soap, and toilet paper. Bread, peanut butter, flour, frozen meat, and milk may also be included.

The pantry is totally dependent on food and cash donations to accomplish its mission. Donations are received from churches, grocery stores, groups, and individuals. The food and money designated for the food pantry, collected on the third Sunday of each month at First Presbyterian Church, goes directly to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry at The Center. During 2010 the Sacred Heart Food Pantry at The Center handled 2,270 requests for food from 823 different families, giving out 32 tons of food to feed more than 2,700 people. The pantry is open from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Please continue your generous support of this outreach project of the Board of Deacons.

Financial Focus

Financial Summary for the Month of January, 2011 General Church Operation Fund

	Month	YTD
Actual		
Revenue	\$148,176	\$148,176
Expense	85,445	85,445
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 62,732	\$ 62,732

Summer Mission Trip Opportunities

Christ asks us to be a servant people, and there is an opportunity this summer to follow His calling.

Go East – to work with the poor in Appalachia through the West Virginia Presbytery's 'Work Camp Ministry' program from June 11 – 18. This is a combined trip with members of Bettendorf Presbyterian Church.

Go West – There are 6-8 spots available for the July 15-22 trip to Pine Ridge Reservation along with the High School students. A week to remember!

The simple qualifications to participate include: have a heart full of grace, have a soul inspired by love, and take pride in strengthening the lives of the less fortunate. For more information, or to sign up, contact Jim Keller (jvkell74@msn.com or 563-332-6296) or Pastor Pamela.

At its February meeting the Session:

- ▶ Approved the 2011 Budget,
- ▶ Approved forming a task force to be made up of Elders, Deacons and Congregation members to explore alternative worship times and alternative styles of worship.

Member News - The congregation of First Presbyterian Church marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the First Presbyterian Church community.

Deaths: Dorothy Hilbert - January 31, 2011;
Edna Parmele - February 6, 2011

Baptism: Koltyn David Herrin, *son of Andrew and Brittany (Johnson) Herrin* - February 20, 2011

Make a Note of it...

- ▶ Articles for the April newsletter need to be sent to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by March 15.
- ▶ **Spring Forward!** Officially at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 13, daylight saving time begins. So remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12, or you'll be a bit late for Sunday morning church services!

This Easter, the chancel will reflect the joy of the season with many beautiful spring plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to order a plant, please complete this form indicating how you would like your gift to be listed in the Easter bulletin, and place the slip, with your check, in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office no later than Sunday, April 17.

EASTER FLOWERS 2011

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

Please use formally given names and mark your check, "Easter Flowers."

The Broadcaster

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Handicapped Services:

First Church is handicapped accessible via the elevator entrances on the west side of the building.

Childcare: Nurseries for infants through four-year-olds are provided in the Folwell Education Center (3rd floor of the Christian Education Building) during Sunday services from 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM.

Fellowship: Enjoy coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall each Sunday between the services. Stop by to say hello and visit or to enjoy some refreshments.

* Part-time employee



Socializers

Quilting - Past and Present

Saturday, March 26 at 6:00 PM
Potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall



There is something special about quilts. They are unique – no two are exactly alike. Colorful, treasured threads of family history, often handed down from generation to generation to generation. Our tour guide through the fascinating and very colorful history of quilting in America will be Margaret Paulox, member of the Mississippi Valley Quilt Guild. She will cover the different styles, materials and techniques, while addressing the importance of documentation and the care of quilts. There is also some controversy over methods of quilting – hand quilting and machine quilting. Margaret will have quilts on display and encourages Socializers to also bring their older family quilts and share a bit of family history. Everyone is welcome to attend the next Socializers potluck dinner and program on **Saturday, March 26 at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall at the church. For information about Socializers, please contact Roger Powell (563-391-1593).

Men's Sprinter (Spring & Winter) Retreat

Set aside Saturday, March 5 from 5:00 - 9:00 PM for the Men's Retreat (April 2 will be the snow date). This will be a fun evening at the Kardell's game barn. Activities will include a professional golf simulator, darts, computer for Wii, table shuffle board, ping pong, and cards. The evening will begin on a reflective note. Please set aside this evening to become better acquainted with other men at First Pres. The cost is \$10. Contact Mark Meinert (563-324-1429 or dad-mom@prodigy.net) or Tony Runkle (563-289-3765 or hawkcrunk@mediacombb.net) for more information.

2011 Women's Retreat

Spring is just around the corner and we are beckoning all women to participate in the 11th Annual Women's Retreat. Plan to spend the weekend of April 8-11, 2011, at the peaceful Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque. Sue Swanson, MDiv, will lead us in the exploration of *Wellsprings of Wisdom: the stories of Miriam, the Woman at the Well and Hagar*. She will help to illuminate the sacred text and to count our blessings, recognizing challenges that may illustrate the doorway to our spiritual self. She will focus on the stories of these women and water in the Bible and how we can use these examples as role models for creating our own supportive community. Space is limited, so set aside the time and look forward to a weekend of peace, quiet, prepared meals, and a chance for renewal for the year. We look forward to seeing you there. For more information please contact Tracey Seaman (309-786-6077).

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