

## FPC Calendar for the week of July 15 - 22, 2018

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

### Sunday, July 15; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Blessing of the Animals

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - outside, west parking lot
- 9:15 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

### Monday, July 16

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth Committee (CEFY) - Parlor
- 6:00 PM Congregational Development & Fellowship (CDF) Committee Meeting - Room 304
- 6:00 PM Hospitality and Welcoming Committee Meeting - Rev. Katie Styrts Office
- 6:15 PM Worship & Music - Director of Music's Office
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

### Tuesday, July 17

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Meeting - Heritage Room
- 4:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - IN RECESS

### Wednesday, July 18

- 8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Richard Miller's Officer
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 10:00 AM Library Committee - Library
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 2:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner (meal served at 4:00) - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
- 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

### Thursday, July 19

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 5:30 PM Programming, Planning, Calendarization & Publication Meeting - Parlor
- 6:15 PM Worship Task Force - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - IN RECESS

### Friday, July 20; Summer Church Hours

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts
- 12:30 PM Church Closes - Summer Hours

### Saturday, July 21

- 10:00 AM PUNCH Meeting - First Christian Church, Davenport

### Sunday, July 22; Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - outside, west parking lot
- 9:15 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

## CONGREGATION NEWS


### Session Highlights for June 18, 2018:

- Contact the PCUSA Just Immigration Initiative using the following email address: [laura.polk@pcusa.org](mailto:laura.polk@pcusa.org) to become active in the effort to end separation of children from their parents at the time of border crossing. Additional education and direction are available through this contact.
- Deacons served 42 Salvation Army meals at the beginning of May. FPC collected 66 items and \$206 for the Food Pantry in May. A total of \$838 was collected for the Pentecost Collection: \$502.80 (60%) went to Presbytery and \$335.20 (40%) went to Boys & Girls Club.
- The Neighborhood Picnic was a big success with an estimated 200 attendees with 75 being from the neighborhood. A member from the neighborhood wants to help grill next year. Contact was made between Tabatha's Circle and a small group of women in the neighborhood that would like to participate in sewing dresses in their own homes. A single mother has reached out to us regarding attending church with her two small daughters.
- The Germany Out-Reach Tour and Mission Trip departed on Thursday, June 21, 2018, and our prayers travel with them for safety, connection, and learning.
- Approved serving Communion at the joint worship service with the Bethlehem Parish Church, Iranian Christian Refugees, and FPC Davenport Sanctuary Choir on June 24, 2018, at 4:00 PM.
- Synod School July 22-27, 2018 at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa. Congregation Members are invited to travel with Rev. Katie Styrts to share that opportunity for learning and fellowship.
- VBC has been successfully completed with approximately 147 participants, which included an estimated 35 Youth Leaders and 18 adults. Some of the sets and props from VBC will be shared with 2 different congregations in the area.
- The Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis, MN, departs Sunday June 24, 2018, at 9:00 AM, from the Iowa Street parking lot. Our prayers accompany them for a safe and successful week of learning and sharing.
- Craig Foster has returned from the 2018 ILUGUA trip. One of the highlights of his trip this year was attending an ecumenical Christian service that involved ancient Mayan culture.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, July 15, 2018

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.

### Blessing of the Animals - Today, 8:30 AM

FPC's Blessing of the Animals annual worship service is today. The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi. Always at home in the company of  the disadvantaged and the dispossessed, Francis recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation, in the love and companionship of animals, and in the poor. Francis became known as the Patron Saint of Animals and is one of the most admired monks and mystics in the history of the church. Bring your pet, large or small, to be blessed and celebrated. Pet family photos will be taken after the service. In addition to celebrating your own, happy pets, you are encouraged to bring donations for the King's Harvest No Kill Animal Shelter in Davenport so that animals waiting for their forever homes can be well cared for. Items needed include dry or canned dog and cat food, cat litter, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, pump hand soaps, and office supplies. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted.

### Bible Basics - Wednesday, July 18, 6:15 PM

Has your schedule given you a bit more flexibility for the summer? Maybe now is a good time to check out Bible Basics. All are welcome. We have been reading stories about Moses recently. For our discussion on July 18, please read Chapters 20, 24, 32-34, and 40 in Exodus. Moses receives the Ten Commandments and more, but the Israelites build a golden idol and Moses has to plead to God on their behalf! For more information, please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com); 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen ([mjgrothusen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjgrothusen@hotmail.com); 563-359-6607).

### Programming, Planning & Calendarization Meeting - Thursday, July 19, 5:30 PM

Committees are now meeting to plan programming and events for the year. Use the online calendar as a tool to plan and then communicate activities to church leadership and staff. Articles for the next *FIRST PRESS*, published the end of August are due to Diane Pumphrey ([pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org)) by August 1, 2018. The theme for that publication is "abundance".

### Register Now for Synod School - July 22-27

Synod School is a week long gathering of Midwestern Presbyterians of all ages. From Sunday evening to Friday morning, attendees come together to worship, fellowship, celebrate, and choose from over 70 short classes – from yoga to theology to BBQing! There are also programs for youth and children. All attendees stay at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa and build community with others. Rev. Katie is a returning Synod School attendee, and would love to carpool! Contact Rev. Katie, if you're interested, or visit <http://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool> for more information.



### Food Pantry Volunteer Dates - Tuesdays, July 24 and August 28

We are signed up to volunteer at the Davenport Community Food pantry on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Volunteers are very much needed -- we have 20 spots to fill each month. If you are able to help, please email Tiffany ([horvath@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:horvath@fpcdavenport.org)) and let her know! We are currently signed up for July 24 and August 28.

### Bix Race Day Fellowship - Saturday, July 28, 7:00 - 11:00 AM

Grab a lawn chair and join other FPC members and friends to watch the Bix race on our church's Kirkwood Boulevard lawn. This annual event is eagerly anticipated and is a fun way for the FPC community to participate in the race day festivities. Donuts and beverages will be served (free will donation gratefully accepted). The date is Saturday, July 28. Festivities begin at 7:00 AM and continue to 11:00 AM. Hope to see you there!

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## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### Adult Christian Education (ACE)

ACE is in recess for the summer, but the committee is busy planning the fall schedule. What would you like to see offered between services? Speakers? Bible study? Book study? Videos? There are many options to help deepen our knowledge of our Christian faith. What would interest you? Please send an email to Barb Ehrmann (ptbee02@gmail.com) with your suggestions, or drop a note in the ACE mailbox in the office.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

### Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Our first day of Sunday School this fall will be September 16, with our open house being the Sunday prior on September 9. Sunday School teachers are needed for all grades, with two teachers needed for each class each week. We try to work the schedule so that teachers teach every other Sunday for 45 minutes. Consider donating 45 minutes of your time one or two Sundays a month. Let Tiffany know if you are interested in teaching this fall (horvath@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, ext. 209).

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Musikgarten Summer Splash - Sundays, 9:15 AM

Just add water! I can't imagine what our room would look like if we added water to all the stomping, running, hopping and spinning that happens during a typical Musikgarten class! Even though regular Sunday School classes are in recess until fall, we love Musikgarten so much that we keep coming back for more. We've been building a church family week by week that we all love and look forward to seeing on Sunday mornings. Our children are learning language, moving and dancing, playing instruments and singing together in a God-centered, musical community at FPC. Feel free to come and join us. The only rule is that everyone joins in! Musikgarten is for infants through three years old, but if you have older children, bring them with you during the summer. If you have friends and family visiting during the summer, feel free to bring them too, even if you're not a regular Musikgarten attendee (think Grandparents who want to experience MG with their grandkids). We don't want to leave anyone out! We'll meet for Summer Musikgarten classes in Room 307 from 9:15-9:50 AM today and on July 22, 29 and August 5 and 12. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471). Goggles and swim fins are optional.



## SUMMER SERVICE CELEBRATION

### Bix Jazz Service - Sunday, August 5, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FPC welcomes a Jazz trio for its annual Bix Jazz Liturgy led by acclaimed pianist Jeff Barnhart; the trio also includes jazz and swing drummer Hal Smith, and an FPC favorite, clarinetist Dave Bennett. These innovative and entertaining musicians are frequent guest of the Bix Biederbecke Jazz Festival, and often play together in various "All-Star" ensembles, including a Fats Waller tribute band.

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

### PUNCH Bix Race Day Party

Saturday, July 28, 7:30 - 10:30 AM

PUNCH (People Uniting Neighbors and Churches) is sponsoring a Bix Party from 7:30 - 10:30 AM at "The Center" parking lot, on the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and Brady Streets, Davenport. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the upbeat music of the River Brass Band and a choice location to watch the Bix Run! Free refreshments and drinks provided.



## SHARING THE WORD

### Take Me With You This Summer!

Share your "splash" experiences or stories to the church's social media sites. Cut out the splash graphic below and post away. Maybe you're traveling to places near and far? Or, maybe you're experiencing a refreshing renewal of spirit right here at home? Whatever inspires you and wherever you go, stay connected in prayer and service. We can't wait to see all of the ways that #FPCSplash is shared!



## CARING FOR FPC

### The Worship Task Force

The Worship Task Force has met several times now. One question we were asked to address is whether we should continue with our schedule of two traditional worship services or move to a single service. We know this is a difficult decision. We have made lists of benefits and concerns of such a change. Aided by congregational input to a 2014 survey and the more recent Envisioning 20/20 report, we have been discussing various options for our Sunday morning worship, education, and fellowship schedules. No decisions have been made on what our recommendation will be. Prayers for the Worship Task Force are appreciated. The Task Force members are Matt Bishop, Pat Cresap, Patrick Downing, Brock Earnhardt, Marty Bowles Edwards, Mike Ferris, Sarah Greim, Tiffany Horvath, Mark Jones, Jane Magnusson, Jed Steckel, Jeanne Sherwood, and Katie Styr.

### Please Share Your Viewpoint!

The Church Government and Personnel Committee is interested in your viewpoint. How do you think things are going at First Pres.? Have you observed something that others might have missed? Please feel free to express a joy or concern and share your viewpoint by filling out a Viewpoint card and dropping it in the locked Viewpoint Box on the Welcome Desk. All viewpoints will be kept confidential and will only be viewed by the Church Government and Personnel Committee.



### Don't Let Your Pledge Take a Summer Vacation

Summer invites us to rest and relax. This time of year most of us are busy and frequently gone for several weeks, or weekends, at a time. Though you plan on being away, the church's financial obligations continue. There are a number of ways to keep your pledge this summer: set up a monthly automatic deduction from your bank account; set up monthly credit card payments; mail checks in to the Finance Office; or pre-pay your summer giving. If you would like auto deductions or credit card payments, contact Shannon Gruhlke (gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691) in the Finance Office for set-up. We appreciate your ongoing and timely giving of your pledges and offerings. Your contributions make all the difference here at First Presbyterian Church!

### Daily Unity Prayer

FPC encourages all members and friends to take a moment to pray around noon every day. This is when all members and friends ask of themselves: "Am I living as a Disciple of Christ?" Send this text message, FPCUNITYPRAYER, to the number 22828 to opt-in to receive the daily Unity Prayer email message. You may also sign-up on the church's website or by calling the office (563-326-1691). The prayer is also on the church's Facebook page, so "like" and "share" with others. Listen to God when you pray.

## CARING FOR SELF AND OTHERS

### Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday!

In July, we are collecting canned fruit. Summer is a time when we all enjoy fresh fruit. Many people in our community are not able to afford or store fresh produce. Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! 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. Each month we will have a suggested item that The Center always needs but does not receive often. You can drop off your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for helping our community feed and care for their families. If you have any questions please contact Julie Grothusen (563-505-4964; mjgrothusen@hotmail.com).

### Salvation Army Meal Preparation

You only need to invest about three hours, three or four times a year for this great volunteer opportunity. Buying the ingredients and cooking the monthly Salvation Army Meal is a chance to help your community. The same items are purchased each month and prepared on the first Monday of each month (except September). Two volunteers at a time are needed; so find a friend and call Muffy Ellard (563-505-2292).

## SAVE THE DATES

### Ladies Breakfast - Saturday, September 22, 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Sit back and relax in Fellowship Hall here at FPC! What better way to begin a day than sharing a delicious meal, sharing fellowship with friends and enjoying a program by Rev. Pat Halverson! Pat is a retired Presbyterian pastor who lives with her lovable, free-loading Norwegian Elkhound mix, Elsa. She grew up in the Twin Cities and spent many weekends at her family's cabin in central Minnesota where she developed her love of nature and eventually pursued a teaching degree in Earth/Space Science. After college she answered the call to ministry and joined the staff of a parachurch campus organization, ministering to college students on Midwest campuses. Pat returned to the Twin Cities to attend seminary and become a pastor, subsequently serving churches in Ohio and Iowa for 25 years. More recently she began oil painting and now shows her art in local venues and at art fairs. She sees a unity of her interests: studying the creation in the sciences, learning of and serving the Creator in theology and ministry, and seeking to express the beauty of God's creation through art.



Rev. Pat Halverson

We'll be enjoying sweet and savory breakfast foods.....sharing "meet and greet" moments. Bring a friend and/or neighbor! Child care will be provided as well as transportation for those who need it. Cost is the same as the "First Annual Ladies Breakfast": \$10 per person, with a portion going to a special need within the community. Sign up now by contacting Deacon Pat Cresap, (563 449-8148; cresaptwo@gmail.com).

### Peacemaker Visit - Sunday, September 30



Rev. Jerome Bizimana

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (USA) sponsors peacemakers and missionaries around the world? International Peacemaker Jerome Bizimana of Rwanda is visiting Iowa and sharing news of his ministry on Sunday, September 30. He'll be preaching at both services and taking part in a Q&A ACE session. Rev. Jerome Bizimana is President of Remera Presbytery in Rwanda and the initiator of the Light Group, bringing together survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi Rwandans. He will share how the church helps bring about reconciliation. Rev. Jerome studied Peace Building and Conflict Resolution in Zambia in 2004 - 2005 at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation. He is married to Jannette and father of six children, three boys and three girls.