

## FPC Calendar for the week of September 17 - 24, 2017

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

### Sunday, September 17; Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:00 AM Church Government Open Forum - Parlor
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *Facing Fear: A Documentary* - Von Maur Hall
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Babies Through Three Year Olds- Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15 AM New Member Inquiry - Parlor
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
- 5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

### Monday, September 18

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 12:30 PM BTC Book Club - Parlor
- 5:30 PM Hospitality & Welcoming Committee Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Congregation Development & Fellowship (CDF) Committee Meeting - Room 304
- 6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth (CEFY) Committee- Parlor
- 6:15 PM Worship & Music Committee - Director of Music's Office
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room
- 7:00 PM Session Meeting - Von Maur Hall

### Tuesday, September 19

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

### Wednesday, September 20

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outside courts
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 10:00 AM Library Committee - Library
- 10:00 AM "Women of Hope" Bible Study - Von Maur Hall
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

### Thursday, September 21

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

### Saturday, September 23

- 10:00 AM Memorial to the Lost Worship Service- Corner of Iowa and Kirkwood
- 6:00 PM Socializers - Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, September 24; Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *Tiffany Horvath and FPC Youth* - Von Maur Hall
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- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
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- 5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302
- 7:00 PM Prayer Vigil - Porte Cochere entrance



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE Von Maur Hall Series - Sundays, 10:00 AM

**September 24** - Tiffany Horvath and the youth of First Presbyterian Church will share experiences of their mission trip to Colorado.

**October 1** - ACE in recess for Homecoming Sunday.

### October 8 - *Voices of Muslim Women in the U.S. South*

Kent Schroder facilitates *Voices of Muslim Women in the U.S. South* Iowa Religious Media Services (IRMA) documentary. This class explores the Muslim culture through the lens of five University of Alabama Muslim students. How do they define a space for self-expression and negotiate their identities in a predominately Christian society that has unflattering views about Islam and Muslims?

**October 15** - *Connecting with Buddhism* presented by an Augustana College professor.

### October 22 - *Questions of Faith*

Iowa Religious Media Services program presented by Carolyn Draper-Math.

### October 29 - *Questions of Faith*

Presented by Carolyn Draper-Math. Can faith wipe out fear? How can we love everybody?

### From the FPC Library Corner

**Non-Fiction:** *Abiding With God As God Abides with Us*, Rev. Dr. Richard Miller's Dissertation; *Friday Night Lights 25th Anniversary Edition* by Bissinger - how Friday-night lights can lead a town into darkness; *Apollo 8* by Kluger (with Astronaut Lovell) - stories about the first mission to the moon; *The New Revised Standard Version Bible with Concordance* (2 copies).



**Fiction:** *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Towles - adventures of a Russian Count forced to live in the Metropol Hotel in Russia; *Bear Town* by Backman - a story about hockey, groupthink, and a hero coming forward; *The Late Show* by Connelly - a mystery introducing Detective Renee Ballard who works the late shift.



**Children's:** *Let's Go for a Drive, Should I Share My Ice Cream?, The Duckling Gets a Cookie and Knuffle Bunny* all by Mo Willems



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, September 17, 2017

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.

### ACE Von Maur Hall Series - Today, 10:00 AM

*Facing Fear: A Documentary* by Jason Cohen

Oscar-nominated documentary!

Fourteen Nazi Skinheads beat and kicked a gay 17 year old living on the streets of Los Angeles. Tim Zaal, the gang member who kicked the boy in the head and left him for dead, and Matthew Boger, the injured victim, accidentally meet 25 years later. This is an Oscar-nominated documentary about real persons and how they deal with the guilt and anger that surrounds them. Will there be sorrow and forgiveness? Is it even possible with the terrible memories that both have about the past?

### Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum - Today, 10:00 AM

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

### Sunday School Starts Today! - 10:10 AM

Sunday School for all ages starts today at 10:10 AM on the third floor of the C. E. Building!

### Musikgarten Starts Today! - 10:20 AM

Classes are a musical experience designed to bring the joy of music to parent/caregiver and child. Activities include songs, movement, focused listening and use of simple instruments. Classes meet from 10:20-10:50 AM. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (middleton@fpcdavenport.org, 563-505-0471).

### New Member Inquiry - Today, 12:15 PM

The Hospitality and Welcoming Committee hosts New Member Inquiry events. Today, we will meet at 12:15 PM in the Parlor. If you are interested in membership, or just have questions about First Presbyterian Church, please contact Tammy Mayhew (mayhew@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691).

### Pickleball Moves Back to the Gym! - Monday, September 18, 9:00 AM

Join us in the gym, beginning Monday, September 18 at 9:00 AM, for lots of fun and fellowship! For more information, contact David Fairweather (563-359-9712) or Diane Schroder (563-326-5753).

### Between The Covers Book Club - Monday, September 18, 12:30 PM

Between the Covers (BTC) book club is starting up after summer break. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 18 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. Join us for dessert and a discussion of the book, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman, led by Marlene Gaston. Please call hostess Lynda Shawver, 563-324-9874, to RSVP. If you've been thinking about joining us but haven't had enough courage - this is the year!

### Save the Date: Memorial to the Lost Service - Saturday, September 23, 10:00 AM

### Socializers - Saturday, September 23, 6:00 PM

Enjoy good food and fellowship and find out about *Newer Opportunities at CASI* at Socializers on Saturday, September 23 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited! Please bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner. If you plan to attend, RSVP to hosts Dorothy and Bill Schelar (563-388-3368) or Marlene and Bob Gaston (563-332-1618).

### Urgent Request for Homework Helpers Volunteers!

Homework Helpers needs tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. Please consider volunteering one hour per week to help our Boys and Girls Club members. Contact Muffy Ellard (ellardmm@gmail.com/563-505-2292).

### Volunteers Needed for Boys & Girls Club Meals!

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wednesday evening suppers for the Boys & Girls Club. Meal prep starts at 3:45 PM, and volunteers are done by 5:00 PM every week. FPC typically feeds between 30 and 60 youth in the community every week through this program, and we cannot do this without additional volunteers!!! If you are interested in helping, please contact Tracy Riedesel, 563-499-3830.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Beginning Handbell Ensemble for Adults

If you are interested in learning to ring in a handbell ensemble, please contact Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org) for more information.

### The Singing Choirs of First Presbyterian Church!

The choirs of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to join! Initial rehearsals in September are the best opportunities to JOIN A CHOIR! You may register online by visiting [www.fpcdavenport.org/choirs.htm](http://www.fpcdavenport.org/choirs.htm).

**Sanctuary Choir** - The adult Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM.

**Celebration Singers** - The Celebration Singers is for older youth, incorporating sixth through twelfth grades. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 24 from 4:45 PM to 5:30 PM.

**Kirkwood Choir** - All first through fifth graders will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM. The first rehearsal is September 20. Fellowship will be from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM. In addition to regular worship participation, this group will be preparing exciting anthems throughout the year.

**Cecilian Carolers** - Membership in this ensemble is selected from girls in grades six through twelve who are also participants in one of the youth choirs. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM, with the first rehearsal scheduled for today.

**Cherub Choir** - The Sunday School membership of four-year-olds and Kindergartners sing in the Cherub Choir. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, beginning today at 10:00 AM.

### QCSO/WVIK Signature Series: "Reformation 500"- Saturday, October 21, 7:00 PM

*FPC Chamber Chorale & Metropolis Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Chicago*

In celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, the FPC Chamber Chorale joins with the Metropolis Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Chicago for a special concert of music by J.S. Bach. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$17 for students, and may be purchased from the QCSO through the church by contacting Matt Bishop (563-326-1691, [bishop@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org)).

### Travel with the Sanctuary Choir!

The Sanctuary Choir invites you to travel with us to Germany from June 21 through July 1, 2018, on our first international outreach tour! There will be choir performances, sightseeing and an opportunity to serve Germany's growing refugee population. Total cost of the trip per person is about \$3,400. An initial deposit of \$500 (refundable until September, 2017) is required. We have launched an ambitious fundraising plan with the goal of reducing the cost of the trip. We want this to be a congregation-wide project: some will travel, some will help raise funds, some may donate items to help the refugees, and many will pray. For more information, contact Director of Music Matt Bishop ([bishop@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:bishop@fpcdavenport.org); 563-326-1691).



## SMALL GROUP CONNECTION

### Small Group Opportunity - Open to all, contact the facilitator listed to sign-up

#### *The Gift of Years* by Joan Chittister

**Facilitator:** Mark Jones (563-332-9314; [mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto:mkjones@mchsi.com))

**Purpose:** In this book, Joan Chittister, a highly regarded writer on spirituality, presents 40 short essays concerning embracing the later stages of life. Plan to read one short essay (4-5 pages) as a daily devotion and meet once a week for seven weeks as we progress through the book. The book is available on Amazon for \$10. The anticipated starting date for this Small Group is the first week of October, 2017. Sign-up by September 20.

**Time:** To be determined by the group; **Place:** FPC



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

### ACT and EPIC Begin an Awesome Year Today!

ACT and EPIC, our Middle and High School Youth Groups for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, kicks off with a pizza party, ice cream social. Today from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM we will be making t-shirts for the community's Memorial to the Lost.



### Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Kirkwood Club, our elementary school youth group for children in first through fifth grade, will start again this Wednesday, September 20! Everyone is welcome to be part of this weekly fun and fellowship.

## FPC SESSION NEWS

### August 28, 2017 Session Highlights

- Deacons expressed appreciation for strong collective Food Pantry donations.
- Craig Foster and Cindy Schalk gave a full account of their June trip to Guatemala that included a summary of the various activities, interactions, involvements, and acquaintances. They were particularly impressed with the warmth and graciousness of the people they met and with the accountability and traceability of funds.
- Homework Helpers is starting up in a few weeks, and are in need of new tutors. See Meredith Ellard if you're interested.
- The next PCUSA Special Offering, Peace & Global Witness, will be featured in the early fall.
- October 1 – CROP Walk – Jennifer Peters, contact.
- October 1– Homecoming Dinner – Pat Cresap, contact.
- Foundation Meeting included the passing of two motions: approved reimbursing the CMEF from the Development Fund, for parking lot concrete repairs; approved use of the Development Fund for restriping of the parking lots.
- Weapons Free Task Force will erect a Memorial to the Lost on September 23, on the church lawn.
- Middle and High School Youth Groups of FPC be selling special "FPC T-shirts" with the church logo on them to anyone interested in purchasing them. Proceeds will support Youth Mission.
- This year Stewardship Sunday will be November 5, 2017. Watch for opportunities to participate in Stewardship Socials.
- APNC hosted two on-site visits with candidates. Please keep this committee in our prayers as they continue to listen for God's guidance.
- Special thanks goes to Jana Peterson who donated 80+ hours to completely sort, clean and organize the Sunday School Supply Room. Jana's college-aged son provided the needed muscle for heavy lifting.
- Sunday School classrooms are ready for the fall semester with each room equipped with wall mounted T.V.'s.
- There are seven new teachers for the start of Sunday School.

## FELLOWSHIP

### First Night Out Organizational Lunch - Sunday, October 15, 12:00 PM

First Night Out is a fellowship group in which small groups meet once monthly -- meeting new church friends. Each group plans activities which can vary from picnics, to a ball game, to whatever is of interest to the group. On October 15, following the second service, there will be a lunch in Von Maur Hall for those who wish to participate. The cost of the lunch will be \$5 per person. Sign up in advance, so assignments and arrangements for the food can be made, by stopping by Fellowship Hall on September 24 between 10:00 and 11:00 AM. If you are unable to attend the lunch, you can still be part of a group, just contact Marilyn Jorgenson (563-391-2737) or Brenda Helphrey (563-388-9345). Please bring an idea for a group activity.

## CARING FOR FPC & OUR COMMUNITY

# HOMECOMING

### First Presbyterian Church Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 PM

**What:** A traditional, annual event to honor church members who are 75 years old and more!

**When:** Sunday, October 1, at 12:00 PM (following Worship)

**Where:** Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church

**And then:** A delicious luncheon will be served by Bridges Catering; amazing music will be played ~ entertainment will be provided by *The ChordBusters!*



Please join in sharing good conversation, good food and reconnecting, sustaining or finding new friendships. Questions? Concerns? Please contact Pat Cresap (563-449-8148; [cresaptwo@gmail.com](mailto:cresaptwo@gmail.com)). To RSVP, please contact the church office, 563-326-1691.

### 46<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, October 1, 2:00 PM

We meet at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport at 1:40 PM for our group photo. The six mile walk through Davenport and Rock Island begins at 2:00 PM. Of the money raised, 25 percent stays in the Quad Cities to benefit local hunger ministries, the rest goes to Church World Service to combat hunger and help with disaster relief around the world. Visit the CROP Walk table in Fellowship Hall between services every Sunday in September to register or sponsor walkers. You may also go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities/Team/View/46454/First-Presbyterian-Church-Davenport](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities/Team/View/46454/First-Presbyterian-Church-Davenport) to donate directly online at our CROP walk team page, or contact Jennifer Peters (641-799-3367; [jen\\_agee@hotmail.com](mailto:jen_agee@hotmail.com)).

### Vote for Peace - Sunday, October 1

The dream of peace seems far away based on the news items we hear on a daily basis. In response, the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) has established peacebuilding missions in various locations around the world: for example, a reconciliation program in war torn South Sudan and a refugee resettlement program in Oakland, California. You can contribute to these programs through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, to be taken on Worldwide Communion Sunday, October 1. In addition to funding peacemaking efforts outside our community, 25% of the offering remains local. In recent years this portion has been contributed to the neighborhood PUNCH program. Please consider making this your vote for peace by using the special offering envelopes, or go to [presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global](http://presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global).

### Save the Date: Programming, Planning, Calendar and Publications Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 5:00 PM

### Church Grounds Clean-up Day

Saturday, October 28, 8:00 AM

On Saturday, October 28, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, everyone in the congregation is invited to help get the grounds around the church ready for winter. FPC will provide lawn waste bags and has a wheel barrow and small rolling carts for use. Please bring your own rakes and tools to cut back plants for the winter. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will provide a continental breakfast. Georgia Roberts, will serve as project manager and be on hand to answer any questions or grab tools for your use. Please contact John Gere ([john.gere1115@gmail.com](mailto:john.gere1115@gmail.com)) to RSVP if you would like to help or contact Shannon Gruhlke, Finance and Facilities Manager, at the church ([gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org); 563-326-1691, ext. 219) with questions.