

FPC Calendar for the week of August 19 - 26, 2018

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

Sunday, August 19; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - west lot/outdoors
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Reception Honoring Shannon Gruhlke - Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 AM Videochat 101 - Von Maur Hall
- 5:30 PM Young Adults and First Night Out: Backwater Gamblers - Rock Island, IL

Monday, August 20

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 6:00 PM Hospitality & Welcoming Committee Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Christian Education & Fellowship for Youth Committee (CEFY) - Parlor
- 6:15 PM Worship & Music Committee - 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, August 21

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 10:30 AM Sally Ewoldt Memorial Service - Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Sally Ewoldt Memorial Service Reception - Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee - Von Maur Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, August 22

- 8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Richard Miller's Office
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 6:00 PM Troop 7 Committee Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
- 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, August 23

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Worship Task Force Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

Friday, August 24

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts

Saturday, August 25

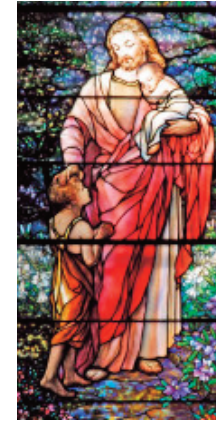
No Scheduled Church Events

Sunday, August 26; Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - west lot/outdoors
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Tiffany Window Immersion and Wine Tasting Tour in Dubuque

Saturday, October 27, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



This is a perfect opportunity to invite friends to enjoy fellowship with our church members! Join our Travel Fellowship to learn how First Presbyterian of Davenport and St. Luke's Methodist Church in Dubuque are artistically and historically connected. Enjoy fall colors along the Mississippi River too. St. Luke's is home to the fifth largest collection of Tiffany Windows in the United States. Every window in the church is a unique work of art and all were created by Louis Comfort Tiffany in New York. Take a sneak peek of the windows in a short video on the church website (www.stlukesumcdbg.com).

The windows are only one of the many similarities between our two sanctuaries and church history. Come join us for a private tour to learn the "rest of the story" as well as how their church leaders visited our church after our "Bridge Builders" restoration project in the late 1990s. Mr. Dayton Spence was instrumental in restoring our original sanctuary color palate with brilliant colors and gold embellishments. St. Luke's ultimately hired Dayton as their painting and design consultant to bring back the original jewel tones and Victorian elements at St. Luke's. Both churches have Romanesque style exteriors, with origins in the Middle Ages, as characterized by thick walls, heavy columns, and round arches for windows and doors.

We start out the morning with a coach tour of historic Dubuque led by a professional guide from Travel Dubuque. You will learn the stories behind the city's architecture and of the influential families and religious leaders who set the scene for its growth and prosperity in the 1800s. This will be followed by a guided tour of St. Luke's Methodist where our docent will share the significance of its many Tiffany treasures.

After our church tour, we plan to sample wine at the Stone Cliff Winery (www.stonecliffwinery.com) with some pizza. The winery is housed in the historic Star Brewery building overlooking the Mississippi. If time permits group members will have time to explore downtown before heading back to the Quad Cities. Invite your friends who might be interested in First Presbyterian as their new church home to join you. Register on the church website (www.fpcdavenport.org) for \$49 per person with a minimum group participation of 25 to reserve a bus. Registration is non-refundable, but transferable. Committee member, Linda Meadors (309-912-4888) will be able to answer questions. Confirmation letters will be mailed two weeks in advance of the tour. Final date to register is Friday, October 19 or when tour is filled.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, August 19, 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.

Reception Honoring Shannon Gruhlke - Today, 11:00 AM



Please take the opportunity to say "thank you" to Shannon for her years of service to First Pres., wish her well in her new position, and many blessings. A reception will be held in her honor today at 11:00 AM.

In gratitude of Shannon's service to the congregation, a purse is being collected as an appreciation and recognition gift to her. Please make your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, note "Shannon Gruhlke purse" on the memo line, and drop in the offering plate or bring to the church office.

Videochat 101 - Today, 11:30 AM - *New Time!*



Video Chat 101

Sunday, August 19, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Would you like to be more connected with friends or family who live far away? Have you heard of Skype or Facetime, but never tried them? Have you tried them, but couldn't get a call to work? Are you not sure what either of these things are? Come to this session! Presenting a one-time class to help people feel comfortable using Skype or Facetime to videocall friends and family. We'll do practice calls with each other and learn how to search for friends and family to talk with. Please bring your smart phone, laptop, or tablet (iPad, Kindle Fire, etc) and we'll work through starting a videocall, step by step. Please RSVP to Rev. Katie (styr@fpcdavenport.org) so she can fit the session to your needs. If you cannot make it but are interested in learning more, please let Rev. Katie know.

Young Adults - Today, 6:30 PM



We are going to head to the Backwater Gamblers today for our first kick off for the year and kids are definitely welcome! This event is FREE, and pretty amazing, but they do "pass the bucket" for donations in the middle of the program. This event starts at 6:30 PM at Ben Williamson Park in Rock Island, and let Tiffany know if you plan to attend! Try to get there at 6:00 PM so we can attempt to sit together but space fills up quickly!

Bible Basics: *The People Get Their King* - Wednesday, August 22, 6:15 PM

The Israelites plead for a king. In this week's story, they get their wish. Is that good? We will read about King Saul's ups and downs. For this lesson, read I Samuel, chapters 9-15. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607).

Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, September 9, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service Sunday, September 9. We will serve egg casserole, plus a few pancakes (for the kids), fruit, mini muffins and cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee, tea, and water. Adults - \$3, children (12 & under) - \$1.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Welcome Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music Alex Gilson

Sunday, September 2, 11:00 AM



Please join us to welcome Alex to FPC on Sunday, September 2 at the reception to be held at 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Alex Gilson is a recent graduate from the Eastman School of Music with a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature where he studied organ with his primary teacher Edoardo Bellotti. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 2016 from the studio of Dr. Jesse Eschbach with a Bachelor's degree in both Organ Performance and Jazz Studies (Piano concentration). While at UNT he served as Organ Scholar at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas under the direction of Scott Dettra and Graham Schulz. His previous teachers include the late Hugh Thompson, Thomas Schroeder, Dr. Crista Miller and Dr. Timothy Olsen. In September Alex begins his new appointment as Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa. His first recital in the Quad Cities will take place on Friday, February 22, 2019, as part of the church's Performing Arts Series. Alex advocates for the organ and its deserved place in the modern world by concertizing and showcasing its theological implications and purposes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Sunday School Registration Now Open!



Don't forget to sign your child up for Sunday School! Registration forms are in the back of the narthex for youth in PreK through High School! Our Open House, where the children can meet all the teachers, is on September 9 and the first day of Sunday School is September 16. We look forward to welcoming any youth that want to participate in learning about the amazing love God has for each and every one of them!

Confirmation Year

Yup! This is a Confirmation Year for all incoming 7th and 8th graders, and any youth older than that who are interested in being confirmed at First Presbyterian or who want more information about what it means to be a Presbyterian today. If your child is going into 7th or 8th grade this fall, please contact Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) and let her know so she can add you to the list! We have amazing confirmation teachers year, we are looking at a Lock In Camp Out to kick off our season, and we will also be attending a Catholic Mass, a Muslim Temple and a Jewish Synagogue to learn more about other faiths—and the one God we all worship and celebrate.



Mission Trip Dinner - Sunday, September 23, 6:30 PM



The youth who attended our 2018 Mission Trip to Minneapolis would like to invite you a special dinner to hear all about our trip on Sunday, September 23 from 6:30 -7:30 PM. RSVP's are needed so we know how many to cook for. Let Tiffany (563-326-1691; mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) know if you are interested in attending. This fun and interactive dinner is for ANYONE who supported the youth on their mission: whether financially, in prayer, or any other manner! Thank you, and God Bless!

CONGREGATION NEWS

Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

It is with mixed emotions that I share with you that I have resigned my position as Finance and Facilities Manager with First Presbyterian Church of Davenport. I have accepted a position with the Rock Island Arsenal. After much discernment, I feel that this is the next step for me regarding my career.

I am blessed by those of you who have cared for me and mentored me along my eight-year journey here at First Presbyterian Church.

My official last day as a full-time employee is Wednesday, August 15, 2018. I have offered my assistance to Church Government and Personnel as a part-time, limited duration employee as I want to assist in ways that I am able to keep things moving smoothly during this transition.

Peace,
Shannon M. Gruhlke, CM

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 McClure, Mark Jones, Jane Magnusson, Jed Steckel, Jeanne Sherwood, and Rev. Katie Styr.

Involvement Fair - Sunday, September 9, 10:00 AM

Groups and committees seeking the involvement of more people are encouraged to participate in the church's Involvement Fair. How do you reserve a table for the fair? Notify the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691). At the Involvement Fair, plan to have smiling representatives ready to answer questions and invite people to become involved with your group or committee.

Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, September 30, 12:00 PM



All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts can join us. 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 Roen Paulsen (563-355-3165) for questions regarding this outreach project.

History Bug Got You?

If so, you might be interested in learning more about the church's Heritage Center and Heritage Committee. The church has a rich, interesting legacy and history is being made every day. For more information about the Heritage Center, please contact Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org).



From the Bix Sunday archives of 2005

SAVE THE DATES

Food Pantry Volunteer Date - Tuesday, September 18

Due to Food Pantry scheduling changes we are now signed up to volunteer on the third Tuesday each 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 (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) and let her know! We are currently signed up for September 18.

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; cressaptwo@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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

ACE Fall Offerings - Sundays, Beginning September 9, 10:10 AM

This fall, there will be two Adult Christian Education offerings most Sundays. In September you will be introduced to the Rev. Katie Styr, find out what the choir was up to in Germany and learn about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA. On October 7, we will begin a seven-week book study on "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" During this unique study we'll discuss several things Christians don't need to believe. However, we'll spend most of our time studying what Christians do need to believe. If a book study is not your cup of tea, during October and November we will have presentations by the Rev. Dr. Richard Miller, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and a series on homelessness and housing in the Quad Cities. You have a choice! Please consider joining your fellow members each Sunday at 10:10 AM to deepen your knowledge and faith. A complete schedule will be distributed in September. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann (ptbee02@gmail.com). We hope to see you at ACE!