

In loving memory of **Ken and Joan McKay**, given by their family.

In loving memory of **Howard Meadors, Sr., Howard Meadors, Jr., Eileen Meadors, and Robert Meadors**, given by Linda Meadors.

In loving memory of **Raymond and Edith Melby, Chester and Arlene Rauch, and Gregg Rauch**, given by Barbara Melby and Julie and Jeff Hogenson.

In loving memory of **Mom, and all of our loved ones who have gone before us**, given by Sarah and Greg Soenksen.

In loving memory of **Leo and Juanita Oswald, and Aloysius Sodawasser**, given by Erin and Ian Sodawasser and Kristine Oswald.

In loving memory of **our families**, given by John and Phyllis Affre.

In honor of **our family** given by Sue and Tom Ervin.

In loving memory of **our loved ones who have gone on to meet our God**, given by the Boxler, Burkle, Courbat, and Schalk families.

In loving memory of **our parents**, given by Charles and Barbara Pekios.

In loving memory of **Terry and June Ousley**, given by Terry, Teresa, Tanner and Jaxson Ousley.

In loving memory of her **parents**, given by Sara Turner.

In loving memory of their **parents**, and the blessing of **their children and grandchildren**, given by Dick and Bev Koos.

In loving memory of our grandmother and mother **Lola Paulsen** and daughter and sister **Rachel D'Auben**, given by, Pam Paulsen, and Mike and Aislinn Chambers.

In loving memory of **John Phoenix, and Ruth and Harold Pedigo**, given by Carol Phoenix.

In loving memory of **Robert Rensberger, and Elaine and Charles Rensberger**, given by Ruth Rensberger.

In loving memory of **Kyle Roseman**, given by Brian and Heather Roseman.

In loving memory of **Lois Ruebling**, given by Ralph Ruebling.

In loving memory of **Gregg Sothmann, and Charles and Elaine Rensberger**, given by Patti Southmann and Mike and Joanne Rensberger.

In loving memory of our niece, **Mary Sperry**, and **our grandparents**, given by Jerry and Bonnie VanLoon.

In loving memory of **Benjamin P., Marion, and Joel Steckel, and Darrell Orman**, given by Jed Steckel and Melanie Steckel families.

In loving memory of **Bob Sutherland, and Emily Jacobsmeier**, given by the Jacobsmeier family.

In loving memory of **Mildred and Q Wallace, John Bates, and Ruth and Harvey Bates**, given by Jo and Greg Bates.

In loving memory of **Jean Youngberg, and Mary Gruehl**, given by the Stafford family.

## FPC Calendar for the week of December 24 - 31, 2017

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

### Sunday, December 24; Fourth Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service - Sanctuary
- 9:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Sanctuary

### Monday, December 25; Christmas Day/Nativity of Jesus Christ

Church Closed for the Christmas Holiday

### Tuesday, December 26

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

### Wednesday, December 27

- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

### Thursday, December 28

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:00 PM Joint Budget Meeting - Parlor
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

### Friday, December 29

No Scheduled Church Activities

### Saturday, December 30

No Scheduled Church Activities

### Sunday, December 31; First Sunday after Christmas

- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
- 10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - IN RECESS
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - IN RECESS
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
- 5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - IN RECESS

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, December 24, 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.

### Christmas Services Today

This year there will be four Christmas worship services at FPC celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. The **10:00 AM** morning worship service is the traditional service. Special music is provided by the mother-daughter duet of Kristine Oswald and Erin Sodawasser. Rev. Dr. Richard Miller will share the sermon message, "Trusting the Angel."

The **4:00 PM** worship service is particularly for families with young children. Along with Christian Education Director Tiffany Horvath, the Sunday School youth and youth groups will present "A Star is Born." The Cherub Choir and Kirkwood Choir will share special music. We will sing traditional carols and experience the wonder of the candle lit service. The Blessing of the Babies recognizes all infants born since last Christmas and little ones who are new to the congregation.

At **9:00 PM**, Holy Communion will be shared in the quietness of the first Christmas when God "descended the back stairs of Bethlehem" to become one with the human race. Soloists will offer the special music for the evening. The Feast of Light will be celebrated as the darkened Sanctuary is transformed by candlelight to symbolize pilgrims coming to see the Light of the World. Several traditional and favorite Christmas carols will be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament.



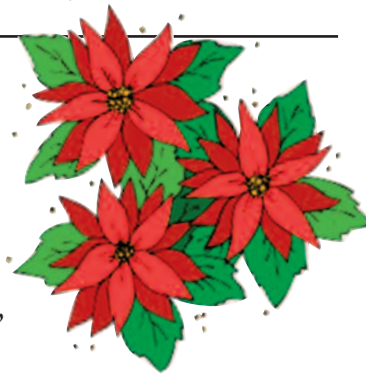
At **11:00 PM**, a festive service of carols and candlelighting will herald the welcome of Christmas Day. The *Sanctuary Choir* and *Cecelian Carolers* will provide inspiring music. Of course, carol singing will abound. The traditional Service of Darkness and Candlelighting during the singing of "Silent Night" will add a special feeling to the conclusion of this memorable and moving Christmas celebration.

### Christmas Pageant - Today, 4:00 PM

All youth in this pageant need to be here at 3:30 PM this afternoon!



The Chancel Guild wishes to thank all those who through their donations made it possible to beautify the sanctuary of First Church this Christmas season. After worship services on Sunday, December 31 or Sunday, January 7, donating families may pick up a plant.



## CONGREGATION NEWS

### Principal Organist Ahreum Han Congdon Accepts Position as Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas



On November 16, 2017, Ahreum wrote a letter to the congregation sharing, "My seven and a half years here at First Presbyterian Church of Davenport have been immeasurably blessed by full of love, happiness, joy, and support. Especially, at this church, I have met my husband Todd, got married, and have two wonderful boys which were baptized here. I will miss serving you." The congregation of First Presbyterian Church congratulates Ahreum as she has dedicated herself as an artist and performer, while continuing her education and demonstrating leadership at FPC. Ahreum's last day at First Pres. is next Sunday, December 31. Please take the opportunity to say "thank you" to her and the family and wish them well on their journey and many blessings.

## MAKE A NOTE OF IT

**New Year's Eve Service** - There will be one service of worship at 10:00 AM on December 31.

**The church will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.**

**Committee reports for the 2017 Annual report are due December 31, 2017.** For more information, contact Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org).

## MISSION

### Go to Guatemala!

The 2018 trip to visit ILUGUA (Lutheran Church of Guatemala) is scheduled for May 19-26. This is an opportunity to get a firsthand view of ILUGUA's outreach to rural communities and perhaps even an opportunity to deepen your own faith in the process. Pastors Pilar and Eduardo will welcome us as we stay in the guest house located behind the church and travel to mission sites and community meetings. This is not a work trip—given the resources, Guatemalans are more than capable of doing physical labor—but rather a trip of accompaniment, support and solidarity with our fellow Christians. The total cost is estimated between \$1,500 and \$2,000 (dependent on flight availability) but a grant fund is available through the Mission Connection committee of Deacons for those who need funding assistance. For more information, contact Craig Foster (391-4622, cfoster871@mchsi.com).

## STEWARDSHIP

### Listen for God When You Pledge

As you consider your pledge for 2018, please remember that our pledges are not just numbers on a page; they are testimony to our willingness to listen for God and to do God's work in the world. We have encouraged you to Listen for God when you worship, when you sing, when you pray, and even when you pledge. With your pledge, we can continue to enhance and expand our ministries to the congregation, the neighborhood, and the world beyond, as we discern God's will for us, and as we discern Christ's hopes for us. You may place your pledge in the offering plate on Sunday morning or online pledging and giving can be set-up by visiting the church website at: [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org).

### Per Capita - \$34 per member

Each January First Church is assessed a per capita contribution by the Presbytery. This year it is \$34 per member. A member is one who has been confirmed or has been welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer from another congregation, or reaffirmation of faith. Please use a Per Capita envelope from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or pay online.

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

### Christmas Joy Special Offerings During the Season of Advent

Please join in assisting our past and present church workers. Half the offering received will provide assistance for students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges to pursue their professional and leadership goals and half will go to the Board of Pensions program that offers financial assistance to current and retired Presbyterian church workers in need.



### Church Officer Training Make-Up Date - Saturday, January 6, 8:30 AM

Newly elected officers that were unable to attend the December training session, please plan to attend church officer training on Saturday, January 6, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Parlor. Currently serving Elders and Deacons may also attend. Installation and Ordination of church officers will be on Sunday, January 7, 2018, during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office (563-326-1691) about the training date you will attend.

### Tabitha's Circle - January 7, 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.

### Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 PM

Attention crocheters and knitters...prayer shawls are symbolic of God's presence during our times of need, and the congregation's love and support. The group meets monthly in the church parlor to socialize while we create and anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting a shawl is invited. If you are unavailable to meet, feel free to make shawls as your time allows and drop them off at the church office.

## BIBLE BASICS

### Bible Basics - Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 PM

Have you let your Bible knowledge lapse a bit? This group hopes to help that. On Wednesdays, beginning January 10 we will start out by looking at familiar stories & characters we may have learned about as a child in Sunday school but maybe haven't read since, for example, Ruth, Daniel, Jonah and John the Baptist. No prior Bible study experience is necessary. After the first few meetings, the group will decide together what it wants to study next. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com, 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com, 563-359-6607).

## FELLOWSHIP

### Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, January 14, 8:15 - 10:30 AM



Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service. A special invitation is extended to families and those attending ACE to join us at 8:15 AM for breakfast and fellowship. This month there will be biscuits and gravy, pancakes, seasonal fruit, and assorted beverages. Adults - \$3, children (12 and under) - \$1.

## A NOTE FROM THE STAFF

### We Wish You a Merry Christmas!

The entire staff of FPC wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!



*The poinsettias that grace the chancel and surround the Nativity figures in the narthex are given in memory or in honor of the following loved ones who are held in grateful affection.*



In loving memory of **Binc and Jean Bawden**, given by Ron and Susie Kardel.

In loving memory of **J. "Tim" Bawden**, given by his family.

In loving memory of **Marjorie and Gaylord Brunton**, and **Pat and John Emerick**, given by the Emerick Family.

In loving memory of **Judy Carr, Frances McIntosh, Rose Midage, and Stacey Larsen**, given by the Carr family.

In loving memory of **Betty Dalby**, given by Tiffany, Tony and Aly Horvath.

In loving memory of **Bud and Lorrie Darland**, given by Theresa, Benny, David and Alice Jacobsmeier and Dianna Darland.

In loving memory of **Robert and Helen Elmergreen**, and **Mary Jo Elmergreen-Peters**, given by their daughter and sister.

In loving memory of **Roger W. Emeis**, given by Janie.

In loving memory of **K. C. Ervin Griesenbeck**, given by Sanctuary Choir friends.

In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Francis Florang**, given by their son, Jim Florang.

In loving memory of **Eleanor and Curtis Ford**, and **Neva and Ralph Martens**, given by Pamela Ford and Marvin Martens.

In loving memory of **Forest and Beulah Fowler, Bruce Darland, and Dorthea and Vernell Browne**, given by Dianna Darland and the Jacobsmeier family.

In loving memory of **Robert Francois, Sr.**, given by wife, Mary Ann and family.

In loving memory of **K. C. Griesenbeck**, given by Sue and Tom Ervin.

In loving honor of our grandchildren: **Maren, Benjamin and Kirsten Edwards; Emma and Chloe Tasse; Jackson, Addie and Asher Havercamp; and Lexi and Elaina Havercamp**, given by Lynnell and Alan Havercamp.

In loving memory of **Lee and Alma Hoehn, Sam and Rose Grammatico, and Thomas and Johnny Farnsworth**, given by Joann Farnsworth and Don Hoehn.

In honor of **Sean Jacobsmeier**, given by Theresa, Benny, David and Ali.

In loving memory of **Christine Johnson, and Kathy Price**, given by Brian, Kathlynn, Aidan and Keian Price.

In loving memory of **Thomas and Mary Kalshoven**, given by Karen and Wayne Hean and family.

In loving memory of **Leslie Keith, Martha Lou Fisher, and Ellwyn Louis Henry Schwanz**, given Randy and Kelley Schwanz and Family.

In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinney, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lamb**, given Rob and Kathy Lamb.

In loving memory of **Corky Kress**, given by the Kress and Cartellone families.

In loving memory of **Merle H. Lang**, given by Bonnie Lang.

In loving memory of **Alice and Alfred Magnusson, and Don Magnusson**, given by Jane Magnusson.

In loving memory of **Robert J. Martin**, given by his wife and brother.