

## FPC Calendar for the Week of February 24 - March 3, 2019

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

### Sunday, February 24; Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Annual Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor CE Building
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor CE Building
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307
- 10:30 AM Reception Honoring Jerry Van Loon - Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Singers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

### Monday, February 25

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 1:00 PM Page Turners Book Club - Home of Jeanne Sherwood
- 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105

### Tuesday, February 26

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 4:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Task Force - Von Maur Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - Gym

### Wednesday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 10:00 AM Women of Hope Bible Study - Von Maur Hall
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
- 5:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics: *Stairways to Heaven* - Parlor
- 6:15 PM Matin Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym
- 7:30 PM TED Talk Discussion Group - Element Lounge, Davenport

### Thursday, February 28

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, March 1

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

### Saturday, March 2

No Scheduled Church Events

### Sunday, March 3; Transfiguration of the Lord

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor CE Building
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
- 10:10 AM ACE Titles: *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* - Room 306
- 10:10 AM ACE Topics: Davenport Alderman Rita Rawson - Von Maur Hall
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor CE Building
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307
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## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE: Christian Titles & Topics - Sundays, 10:10 AM

Today: Christian Titles and Christian Topics are In Recess

### Sunday, March 3: Christian Titles - *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, 10:10 AM, Room 306

During Lent, an adult study group will meet upstairs in room 306. The group will study “Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes”. Each week of this study focuses on Jesus in a different book of the Bible. You are welcome to drop in any week – this study requires no preparation, and there will be plenty of copies for all! If you’d like to purchase a study book, copies are \$8.

### Sunday, March 3: Christian Topics - Davenport Alderman Rita Rawson, 10:10 AM, Von Maur Hall

### Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

#### *Stairways to Heaven - February 27*

We will read two short stories from Genesis – one about a tower and one about a ladder. Please read Genesis 11:1-12 and Genesis Chapter 28. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607). Newcomers are always welcome.

### From the FPC Library Corner

**Fiction Books for Adults:** *Kingdom of the Blind* by Penny - a new Inspector Gamache mystery involving a will and three siblings. *The Only Woman in the Room* by Benedict - amazing story of life of Hedy Lamarr in Austria at the beginning of WWII, her escape to America and her skills as an inventor.

**Non-Fiction Books for Adults:** *Becoming* by Michelle Obama - her life growing up in Chicago, education, meeting Barack and becoming First Lady raising her girls and her hopes for the future. *The Library* by Orlean - in 1986 the Los Angeles Library burned to the ground. There is mystery as to how it started; we see techniques in restoration, and we learn the history of libraries and how they responded to the depression and wars and keep going even though money was hard to come by. *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Brown - Her experiences growing up in America as a black in majority-white schools, organizations, and churches.



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, February 24, 2019

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.

### FPC's Annual Congregational Meeting - Today, 10:00 AM

Each year the church sets aside time for the Annual Congregational Meeting and encourages every member to attend. Typically, an annual meeting may consider such business as hearing reports from the Session or selected committees of Session, a report from the Board of Deacons and other organizations of the church, and approving the 2019 Nominating Committee.

### Reception Honoring Jerry Van Loon

Today, 10:30 AM

Please join us after the congregational meeting today for cake and celebration! We will be honoring Jerry Van Loon's 20 years of service as our sound tech volunteer, and thanking Jerry for his hard work. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall at around 10:30 AM.



### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5, 5:00 PM

Shrove Tuesday is the name given to the day before Ash Wednesday. Sometimes it's called "Fat Tuesday" (not as cool a name as "Shrove"). Historically, it was the last day that any fat foods/products (thus pancakes and sausage) could be consumed before Lent, which was a period of 40 days of fasting and sacrifice, and began Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday. In New Orleans, Shrove Tuesday is the final day of Mardi Gras. The FPC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has occurred at FPC every year since 2005. Come and enjoy a delicious hot pancake supper. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. The meal is pancakes, sausages, applesauce, coffee and milk and is served from 5:00-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.



### Ash Wednesday Services - March 6, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM



Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a day for fasting, a day for mourning for our sin and the sin of humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality saved for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more. It marks the beginning of our Lenten journey to remembering God's love for us in Jesus Christ. The season of Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of redemption through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

### Lent 2019: Welcome Home

This Lent, our theme will be "Welcome Home". We'll preach a sermon series on the stories of coming home in scripture, and our children's programming will celebrate the joys of their church home. Children are also invited to give thanks for their blessings at home through collecting change for the One Great Hour of Sharing, which goes to Presbyterian missions around the world. Our church is undergoing large transitions this year. Let's take time during Lent to come back to our church home – to celebrate our talents, strengthen our connections to fellow members, and prepare our hearts for Christ's grace.

### Make Your Stewardship Pledges Today

Stewardship helps fill this church with prayers of thanks to God. In this church, you are surrounded by friends who pledge their time, prayers, and money to provide Christian care to others, knowing that when we give of ourselves, we get far more than we give. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge for 2019. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plate, or you can pledge online at [www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org). Thanks be to God!

### Per Capita - \$38 per member

Per capita is the annual contribution each Presbyterian makes to support our denomination's local, national, and international ministries. This year it is \$38 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, or pay online.

### Session Highlights from February 18, 2019

- Rev. Katie Styrk named Acting Executive in addition to serving as Associate Pastor.
- Thank you to Steve Arp and Doug Wells for their donated expertise and labor in selling the property. Proceeds were deposited in the Foundation Endowment Fund.
- Interim Pastor Search officially begins, as the Ministries Information Form (MIF) was approved by Presbytery on February 9, 2019.
- Session Minutes for meetings dated October 1, 2018 through December 17, 2018 were approved and are available to Congregation Members for reading at the church.
- Sound System Advisory Council formed to address technology needs in the Sanctuary.
- Personnel Committee, replacing the Church Government and Personnel Committee, description of duties is available.
- Presbytery has begun the Safe Gatherings Training Program for Pastors, with the goal of preventing exploitation and sexual abuse in congregations.
- Facilities Supervisor David Williams is on personal leave of absence.
- Single Services of Worship at 10:00 AM will be celebrated on July 14 (VBC Sunday), August 4 (Bix Sunday), December 1 (Advent Lessons and Carols), and December 29.

### Inclement Weather Policy

If it is possible, the church will be open for Sunday worship. Any Sunday worship cancellations will be announced on KWQC. However, please stay safe this winter! If you do not feel comfortable driving to church, do not come to church. We (and God) want you to be safe. During the week, check KWQC or the call the church office (563-326-1691) — if there is no answer, the church is closed. If the church office is closed all activities are canceled. Individual events and activities can be canceled at the discretion of the leader of said event.

### MUSIC MINISTRY

#### Musikgarten - Sundays, 10:20 AM

We celebrate setting aside 30 minutes on a Sunday morning – the best 30 minutes of the week – to spend singing and playing with our littlest ones as they learn and grow in a God-centered musical family.

Musikgarten is for infants through three year olds and their parents and/or grandparents. Our 30 minute Musikgarten class meets between services on Sunday mornings from 10:20-10:50 AM in Room 307, following the Sunday School schedule. Come and join us! We would love to celebrate with you! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton ([kathrynb15@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynb15@gmail.com); 563-505-0471).



### Paper Hearts in February

*Paper Hearts*



February is the month for love. Show your love for others in the community and help the Deacon Outreach Committee with the Paper Hearts drive. Toilet paper, something we all take for granted, is the #1 item that shelters lack. Beginning in February, you can bring new packages of toilet paper to Fellowship Hall. The Deacons will be collecting all month and will take everything to Humility of Mary for distribution to their shelters. Show a stranger some love by donating toilet paper.

### Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In March, we are collecting spring cleaning items such as dish soap, cleaning spray, antibacterial wipes, and toilet bowl cleaner. 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. You can drop off your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Grothusen (563-505-4964; [mjgrothusen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjgrothusen@hotmail.com)).

### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family & Friends

Saturday, March 9, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a free four-hour seminar in the parlor, led by the national Alliance on Mental Illness. This seminar will inform people who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to support them. It's also an opportunity to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support. The seminar is led by trained instructors with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. Register online at [www.namigmv.org](http://www.namigmv.org), or call 563-386-7477, Ext. 266 (10-2 M-F).

### Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, March 17, 12:00 PM

All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts can join us on Sunday, March 17, in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM. 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 Sharon Simmonds (563-355-7008) for information.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

#### ACT (high school) & EPIC (middle school) Youth Groups

Sundays, 5:30 PM

Tonight we will be creating a "Wall of Hope" for our next fundraiser and having a presentation from Camp Wyoming. Everyone in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome!



#### Kirkwood Club (1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

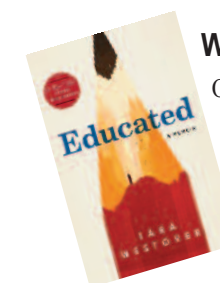
This week, we are going to have a presentation by Camp Wyoming and then we are going to play in the gym and be loud and run and get sweaty and take turns. We call this "Fellowship." Please note the following Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and Kirkwood Club will get a brief lesson on the history of Ash Wednesday and then everyone will head to the Sanctuary for the short service. Everyone in the congregation is welcome to this Ash Wednesday service on March 6.

### TED Talk Discussion Group - Wednesdays thru February 27, 7:30 PM

In TED talk videos, experts briefly share their knowledge of "ideas worth spreading", including discussion about technology, entertainment, design, and our world today. Join us for this short-term TED Talk discussion group. We'll meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays thru February 27 at Element Lounge, 5345 Belle Court #4, Davenport, and each week discuss a different video. Please contact Rev. Katie if you have questions or need help getting access to videos! Please view the video before each class, if you have time (or come and learn if you don't). Videos are usually 15-20 minutes long.

#### *The Art of Asking* - Amanda Palmer - February 27

This musician tells how her art has been influenced by expanding her community.



### Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 PM

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. *Educated* is a memoir detailing a woman's isolated childhood in a survivalist family and her quest for knowledge in the wider world. Please join us! If you need a copy of the book, please contact Rev. Katie Styrk ([styrk@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:styrk@fpcdavenport.org)).

### Manna & More Breakfast - Sunday, March 10, 8:15 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service from 8:15-10:30 AM on Sunday, March 10. Enjoy breakfast pizza, fruit and assorted beverages. Adults \$3, children (12 & under) \$1. Everyone is invited -- see you there!

### Socializers - Sunday, March 31, 12:00 PM

Join us for a potluck lunch on Sunday, March 31 at noon! For decades, the Socializers group has met for dinner and a speaker. However, evening attendance has been down. Please attend if you're interested in moving Socializers to a lunch activity. We will discuss the future of Socializers and potential upcoming speakers. New attendees are always welcome – the food is delicious!

### CELEBRATING HOPE

#### Calling All Artisans!

#### Sign Up Now for "Sharing Our Visions of Hope" Art Show

Sign up to participate in "Sharing Our Visions of Hope" Art Show at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 19, 2019 in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (between worship services and following second service). No admission charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated; proceeds to support First Pres! More to come!

We want to share the talents of our congregation! A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. Please fill in your name and what item(s) you can display, for example: painting - etching, illustrating; sculpture - wire, origami; textiles - quilts, knitting, crocheting; spinning, weaving; woodworking, caning; photography; fashion design; poetry, novels.

This event will be advertised and open to the public. There will be a Children's Corner for budding artists. Questions? Please call Pat Cresap (563-449-8148) or Bill Hawthorne (563- 391-9971). Sponsored by the Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development Committee.