

FPC Calendar for the week of September 24 - October 1, 2017

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

Sunday, September 24; Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *Tiffany Horvath & FPC Youth* - Von Maur Hall
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants Through Three Year Olds - Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302
- 7:00 PM Prayer Vigil - Porte Cochere entrance

Monday, September 25

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105

Tuesday, September 26

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 1:00 pm ACE Committee Meeting - Parlor
- 3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, September 27

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 1:00 PM Broadcaster Collators - Von Maur Hall
- 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 28

- 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 29

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, September 30

- 10:30 AM Joyce Holman Memorial Service - Sanctuary

Sunday, October 1 ; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Homecoming Sunday

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants Through Three Year Olds - Room 307
- 11:00 AM HomecomingWorship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Homecoming Luncheon
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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

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*

CONNECT with Dr. Jacob M. Romaniello of Augustana College. Dr. Romaniello, who taught for eleven years in Thailand and China, will share his expertise in Buddhism. He will discuss Buddhism's history, doctrines, the Rohingya issue, as well as how mindfulness-meditation can help a Christian.

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?

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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).

Meal Service of Scott County

Meal Service of Scott County, Inc., is an outreach program designed to provide eligible Scott County residents with hot lunches during the week. Meals are prepared to meet clients' specific dietary needs and are delivered to their homes by volunteers between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To find out more about who is eligible, the cost, or how you can volunteer or make donations, please contact Julie Belman, Executive Director, at 563-323-1628.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, September 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.

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

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

Musikgarten - 10:20 AM

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



HOME COMING

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). To RSVP, please contact the church office, 563-326-1691.

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.

46th 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 to donate directly online at our CROP walk team page, or contact Jennifer Peters (641-799-3367; jen_agee@hotmail.com).

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.

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

FPC Chamber Chorale & Metropolis Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Chicago

Tickets: \$27 adults, \$17 students



This October marks the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. FPC is joining in the worldwide celebration by hosting a special joint concert as part of the QCSO's 2017-2018 Signature Series. FPS's auditioned Chamber Chorale joins with the Metropolis Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Chicago to present two Reformation cantatas by arguably the most important Lutheran composer in history, Johann Sebastian Bach. This special evening of early music includes

performances of Bach's BWV 79 ("Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild") and BWV 80 ("Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"), as well as the famous Double Violin Concerto. The Metropolis Baroque Chamber Orchestra is one of Chicago's preeminent early music ensembles, specializing in instrumental and operatic repertoires of the Italian and German Baroque. Under the artistic direction of cellist Craig Trompeter, the musicians of Metropolis Baroque have recently been featured in the Valletta International Baroque Festival in Malta. Tickets for this event may be purchased from the QCSO through the church Benefactor Patrons receive one free ticket per named donor as a free gift if requested by September 15.

German Wine Oktoberfest Class

Saturday, October 28, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, German American Heritage Center

Come explore the exciting world of German wines with wine educator and professional wine judge Irene Huffman. Topics will include wine regions, grape varieties, wine styles, and German wine laws, and you can taste and evaluate different German wines (must be 21 years or older). Proceeds from this event will benefit the 2018 FPC music outreach trip to Germany. The cost is \$35 per person, and seating is limited. To reserve your seat, please contact Matt Bishop or Jane Magnusson at 563-326-1591 or 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; 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)

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 Today!

ACT and EPIC, our Middle and High School Youth Groups for 6th-12th grade, will be participating in QC Rocks today at 5:30 until 7:00 PM. Join us for fun and fellowship!

Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Everyone is welcome to be part of Kirkwood Club, our elementary school youth group for children in first through fifth grade. This Wednesday we will make Communion Bread! There will be plenty of weekly fun and fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP

Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, October 8, 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 8:15 AM for breakfast and fellowship. This month there will be plain and pumpkin pancakes, sausage, fruit and, maybe, apple compote. Adults - \$3, children (12 and under) - \$1.

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

First Night Out is comprised of small groups that meet once monthly. 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.



Between The Covers (BTC) Book Club

Monday, October 16, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? Join the BTC book club on Monday, October 16 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Irene Huffman will lead our discussion of the book, *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure. Please call hostess Pat Mackusick, 563-359-1831, to RSVP.

Annual Bonfire and Hay Ride at Pride of the Wapsi

Saturday, October 14, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Family Friendly -- kids welcome! \$10 per person collected ahead of time or at the door...this cost MIGHT go down after reviewing the budget in October. Includes hot dogs, chips, drinks, smores, hayride and everybody gets to pick a pumpkin!

Socializers - Saturday, October 28, 6:00 PM

Enjoy good food and fellowship to learn about *Communities of Opportunity for the City of Davenport* from Latrice Lacey, Director of the Davenport Civil Rights Office, at Socializers on Saturday, October 28 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 hostess Frances Keller (563-386-3878).

Fall Fest - Sunday, October 29, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Our annual Fall Fest this year takes place on Sunday, October 29 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM in the gym of FPC and in Fellowship Hall! We CANNOT do this without volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help escort families from the gym through the library to Fellowship Hall, to help with the crafts and games, to assist with food, and we also need candy/small prize donations as well as decorated cupcakes for the Cake Walk. Please let Tiffany know if you are able to help at this fun festival for the youth of our church and our neighborhood! We will have hot dogs and popcorn and a lot of fun!

CARING FOR FPC & OUR COMMUNITY

Make Connections!

Read the newest issue of First Press today and share with your friends and neighbors as an invitation to visit the church. The introductory article, written by Elder Marty Bowles Edwards set the tone for the "Connect" theme. She writes, "How do we experience our spirit? Spirit seems to be packed into a little box, deep in our hearts, awaiting our decision to take a peek. Something else, something exciting, something awesome is experienced if we lift the lid and gaze inside... When encouraged to "BE" rather than "DO" we experience the Holy Spirit's presence in the core of our BEing. Holy Spirit stretches and expands our world and our awareness. The Holy Spirit connects us to all of creation and invites us to be a part of the creative process."

► Show your connectedness to First Presbyterian Church -- heart of the city, by adding the special Facebook camera effect frame (find the link on the church website) on your pictures and share to Facebook!



Prayer Vigil for Victims of Violence

Sunday, September 24, 7:00 PM



Join with fellow Christians for a prayer vigil at FPC from 7:00 - 7:30 PM. Please meet by the porte cochere entrance along Kirkwood Boulevard. Let us pray for God's healing for people in our country, and for families and victims of violence. Let us bear witness to the senseless violence in our country.

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, October 10, 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. Anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting a shawl is invited to make a shawl and drop it off in the church office. The group meets monthly in the church parlor to socialize while we create. If you are unavailable to meet, feel free to contribute shawls as your time allows.



Food Pantry - Sunday, October 15

Food items collected will be donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry at *The Center*. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark your check or giving envelope "Food Pantry." You may also bring your contribution to the church office through the week.

Programming, Planning, Calendar and Publications Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 5:00 PM

Committees should now be meeting to plan programming and events for the year. The online calendar can be used as a tool to better plan and communicate activities to church leadership and staff. Articles for the next FIRST PRESS, covering programming for January-May 2018, will be published the end of December. Articles are due to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by November 1, 2017. The theme for that publication is "celebrate."

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) to RSVP if you would like to help or contact Shannon Gruhlke, Finance and Facilities Manager, at the church (gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, ext. 219) with questions.

