

FPC Calendar for the week of March 25 - April 1, 2018

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

Sunday, March 25; Palm/Passion Sunday

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 Von Maur Hall Series - *Easter in Hollywood* - Von Maur Hall
 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor CE Building
 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307
 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 12:15 PM New Member Inquiry - Parlor
 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

Monday, March 26

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 1:00 PM Page Turners Book Club - Home of Nancy Van Hook
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105
 6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 7 Court of Honor and Potluck Supper - Room 105

Tuesday, March 27

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 1:00 PM Broadcaster Collators - Von Maur Hall
 3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building
 4:00 PM Youth at J.B. Young Food Pantry
 6:00 PM Good Friday Dress Rehearsal - Von Maur Hall, Chapel, Sanctuary, Choir Room
 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, March 28

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
 10:00 AM Women of Hope Bible Study - Von Maur Hall
 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105 CE Building
 4:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
 6:15 PM Matin Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
 6:15 PM Bible Basics - IN RECESS
 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
 7:15 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, March 29

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:00 PM Boys and Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105 CE Building
 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - IN RECESS
 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - IN RECESS
 7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service - Sanctuary

Friday, March 30

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 7:30 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31

8:00 AM Hot dog cooking and PUNCH Easter egg hunt wrapping - Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Sunday, April 1; Resurrection of the Lord/Easter

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
 10:00 AM Easter Choir Breakfast - Parlor, Von Maur Hall
 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
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CONGREGATION NEWS

FPC Calls Rev. Katie Styr as Associate Pastor

FPC members voted to call Rev. Katie Styr as Associate Pastor at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28. Pastor Katie grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, attended the University of Chicago, where she met her husband, Philip, and got her Masters of Divinity from Louisville Theological Presbyterian Seminary. Currently, Katie serves as a part-time associate pastor and a part-time solo pastor at two churches in Rochester, New York. Her planned start date is the end of April.



SESSION NEWS

Session Highlights for March, 2018

- Homework Helpers are needed to supplement the team for the Boys and Girls Club. Please contact Muffy Ellard (563-505-2292) to volunteer.
- Kids Against Hunger teams are forming. Sign up in Fellowship Hall between service for a reservation. Dates for the assembly line are April 8-11.
- Men's Breakfast will be April 7, sign up in Fellowship Hall between services.
- Women's Breakfast will be April 14, sign up in Fellowship Hall between services.
- June 10 FPC is hosting a Neighborhood Picnic. Morning schedule will be 10:30 AM worship service followed by 11:30 AM feasting together under the shelter of a large tent on the church lawn.
- An Emergency Preparedness Committee will be formed to address the safety of the congregation and visitors.
- Sexual Harassment Prevention Training will be implemented for all current and future FPC staff and employees.
- Saturday, April 21 is Spring Clean up Day for the church grounds. Meet from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM to beautify the church property. Please consider adopting a flower bed to weed a couple of times per month during the growing season. Sign up with Shannon Gruhlke by stopping by the Finance Office.
- Saturday, March 24 is the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. More volunteers are needed and all children of the church are invited to attend the 1:00-3:00 PM event.
- Vacation Bible Camp dates are Tuesday, June 5-Friday, June 8. Contact Tiffany Horvath to volunteer.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, March 25, 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.

Per Capita - \$34 per member

Each year 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, 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.



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



March 25 - *Easter in Hollywood*

See how Hollywood depicted the crucifixion and resurrection in "From the Manger to the Cross" (a silent film from 1912), in Johnny Cash's film called "Gospel Road", and Cecil B. DeMille's "King of Kings" from 1927. What are your impressions of each? How do we celebrate and depict our understandings of Easter?

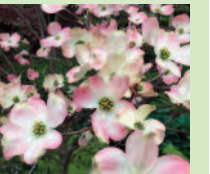
New Member Inquiry - Today, 12:15 PM

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship today at 12:15 PM in the Parlor on the second floor of the Christian Education Building for New Member Inquiry. For more information, contact Tammy Mayhew (563-326-1691; mayhew@fpcdavenport.org).

Holy Week at First Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday, March 25 - Services at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Choir and Children's Procession with Palms.



Maundy Thursday, March 29 - Service at 7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday is the anniversary celebration of the institution of The Lord's Supper. The service will include the Sacrament of Communion. The *Chamber Chorale* will lead in worship.

Good Friday, March 30 - Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 PM

This service provides an opportunity to meditate on the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The service includes scriptures, prayers, and music of the Passion featuring the *Sanctuary Choir*, the *Cecelian Carolers*, the *Vesper Bells* and orchestra. This year's music includes several arrangements of classic hymns, as well as the Iowa premiere of a new piece by Latvian composer Peteris Vasks, a setting of Mother Theresa's austere poem "The Fruit of Silence."

Easter Sunday, April 1 - Services at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

A celebration of the Resurrection! Easter special music will be provided by the *Celebration Singers* and the *Sanctuary Choir*. The music will include the "Hallelujah" Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*.

Worship Service with Third Missionary Baptist Church - Sunday, April 8, 4:00 PM



On Sunday, April 8, FPC is having a joint service with Third Missionary Baptist at 4:00 PM followed by a potluck. EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to attend! Rev. Kirk will preside over worship on this afternoon, and we are excited to have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and dinner together with our church neighbor afterwards. Main dishes are sought for the potluck, along with sides and desserts. Please contact Kristine Oswald (divamom8992@gmail.com) if you know what you are able to bring ahead of time, to let her know as she will be in charge of the master list.

Worship is at 4:00 PM, the potluck will be at 5:00-6:00 PM, the youth groups from both churches will team together to package meals for Kids Against Hunger from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

CARING OUR COMMUNITY

Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

Please bring non-perishable donations to church on Sunday mornings for delivery to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry at *The Center*. Monetary donations also accepted. Mark your check or giving envelope "Food Pantry".



THE MORE YOU KNOW.....

See your One Great Hour of Sharing contribution at work worldwide... Do you remember the little cardboard boxes you received in Sunday School? During Lent, you were asked to drop a few pennies each day into the box. Those pennies were a part of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Even a few pennies make a difference.

Grant Funds Available - *The Deacons' Endowment Fund*

The Deacons' Endowment Fund (DEF) was established to help groups and organizations within FPC and the church community that are developing new mission and outreach programs by providing seed money in the form of matching grants. Grants are designated to help defray the start-up cost of new projects or programs. To apply for a grant, an application form must be completed and submitted for consideration by the Review Board. The maximum grant is \$5,000. **The grant application process will be open for the period March 15 - May 15, 2018.** If you have questions about DEF grants or applications information is available at the Welcome Desk, the Deacons' Corner, the church's website at www.fpcdavenport.org, or from Brock Earnhardt (brockearnhardt@hotmail.com; 563-343-6304).

Food Pantry Volunteer Date

The youth groups are signed up to volunteer at the Davenport Food Pantry at JB Young Tuesday, March 27 from 4:00-8:00 PM. We have 20 volunteer positions to fill on this day—please let Tiffany know if you can take one of them. Adults from the congregation also welcome to be a part of this service to our community.

Kids Against Hunger - NOT STOPPING AT 100,000 MEALS!

Sign-ups continue TODAY between services for the Kids Against Hunger drive at First Pres, with packaging sessions to be held April 8-11. Each 10-12 person team will package more than 1,400 servings of rice, soy, dried vegetables and vitamins for families in need. The process takes less than an hour. Last year's drive enabled FPC to pass the 100,000 meal mark over the past eight years but we're not stopping there! Consider participating as a family, inviting a friend, or even forming a team to help carry out FPC mission. Cost to participate in a packaging event is \$30/person, but scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the fee. And if you are unable to attend, please consider donating for someone else to do so. Contact Craig Foster (563-391-4622; cfoster871@mchsi.com) for more information.

Quad Cities Big Table

Quad Cities Big Table is an effort by Q2030, the regional development planning group, to get people talking in the Quad Cities about our community and how to make it stronger and more connected. On April 20 and 21, there will be more than 500 hour-long conversations at public and private locations all over the Quad Cities, in groups of 10-12. People can sign up to attend one of these conversations, to host one (with training) at a public site (where anyone can sign up to join), or to host one at any location, inviting people to the table. The idea is to sit down with a mix of people you know and don't know, perhaps people you wouldn't normally sit down with. Churches are urged to participate. For more information visit, <http://quadcitiesbigtable.com>.



CARING FOR FPC

Spring Church Grounds Clean-up Day - Saturday, April 21, 9:00 AM

You don't need a green thumb to help with this project! Here is an opportunity for productive fellowship and breakfast, too! On Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, everyone in the congregation is invited to help tidy up the planting beds and lawns around the church building to get them ready for Spring. The church will provide lawn bags for any yard waste and has a wheel barrow and small rolling carts for use. Here's what is needed from you ... bring a rake and a helpful smile! The Buildings and Grounds Committee will provide a continental breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, donuts, juice, milk, and coffee. Our custodian, Georgia Roberts, will serve as project manager that morning and will be here to answer any questions or to grab tools for your use. Please contact John Gere to RSVP (john.gere1115@gmail.com). If you would like to help or contact Shannon Gruhlke, Finance and Facilities Manager, at the church (563-326-1691; gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org) with questions.

Sign-up for the 2018 Adopt-A-Bed Program

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is seeking members of the congregation to volunteer to adopt and tend to a church flower bed for the 2018 season. Don't worry if you aren't an experienced gardener. We have some experts available to answer any questions you might have throughout the season. We have a simple information sheet that explains everything you need to know and how to take care of each bed. We have many to choose from. We also have the planters on the landings that are available for adoption. Please refer to the church map on the door to Shannon Gruhlke's office and sign up TODAY! You may also contact Shannon (563-326-1691; gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org) to volunteer. Thank you!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Musikgarten - Today, 10:20 AM

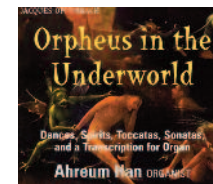
A musical experience designed to bring the joy of music to parent/caregiver and children, through age three. If you have questions, contact Kathy Middleton (middleton@fpcdavenport.org, 563-505-0471).

Books for Refugee Children

The Music Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a fundraiser through Barefoot Books, a publisher of children's books with themes of mindfulness, diversity, and inclusivity, to raise money for the purchase and delivery of multi-lingual books for refugee children the choir will be visiting in Germany. Kristena Downing, who is a sales representative for the company, will be in the Fellowship Hall between services to sell books or collect donations, and to provide you with more information.

Ahreum Han Congdon's CD Now Available!

We are pleased to announce the release of Ahreum Han Congdon's long-awaited first professional recording, *Orpheus in the Underworld: Dances, Spirits, Toccatas, Sonatas and a Transcription for Organ*. The CD is on sale through the church for \$20.



The chancel will reflect the joy of the season with many beautiful spring plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to order a plant, complete this form indicating how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin, and place the slip, with your donation check, in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office, **no later than Sunday, March 25.**

Easter Flowers 2018

In memory or in honor of: (circle one)

Given by:

FELLOWSHIP

Sign-up Today for the Men's Breakfast - Saturday, April 7, 8:30 AM

RIVER BANDITS! Ever wonder what makes the River Bandits one of the most successful baseball franchises in the country? How do they break national attendance records week after week? Winning the 2017 Midwest League Championship was not their first win! Want to know how they give back to the community and about their successful scholarship program? Come join us Saturday, April 7 at 8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall for a homemade breakfast for \$5. Please contact the church office to sign up. If you have questions, please call Terry Ousley (563-344-0845).

Sign-up Today for the 1st Annual Ladies Breakfast

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 AM

Plan to attend this fun first annual gathering! The breakfast will be catered by Panera Bread. The guest speaker will be Sarah McGlynn of the Davenport Community Food Pantry. The cost is \$10 per person and a portion goes to support the food pantry. Sign-up between the services in Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be available. Please contact Traci Cracraft (traciacracraft@yahoo.com) or Pat Cresap (cresaptwo@gmail.com) for more information.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Enjoy Local High School Theater

There are two upcoming opportunities for you to enjoy local school musicals in which three FPC members are cast members. Emma and Abby Saskowski have leading roles and will be performing in *Les Miserables* at the Paul Holzworth Auditorium at North High School. (For those attending *Les Mis*, a room has been reserved at the Machine Shed restaurant by the Congregational Development & Fellowship Committee on April 7 at 5:15 PM for you to join other church members for a dinner from the menu, followed by a short drive to North High to enjoy the play. If interested, contact Bill and Judy Hawthorne (thornebj67@gmail.com; 563-391-9971) by April 1. Grace Carr and Raziki Furaha both have roles in *High School Musical* which will take place at the new Central High School Auditorium. The dates for both musicals are April 6 and 7 at 7:00 PM and April 8 at 2:00 PM.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

April 1 - *In Recess*,

ACE is in recess. Have a Happy Easter.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Spring Break Information

A HUGE "Thank You" to everyone who participate in our annual Easter Celebration yesterday! And a special shout-out and massive hug goes to Traci and Jonathan Cracraft for stepping forward, coordinating the event and stuffing over a thousand eggs in their "free" time...and for making the Easter Bunny a new vest (which he LOVES).

ACT & EPIC: Tonight we start practicing for Youth Sunday! We need EVERYONE who can be here to be here—and in choir so you can start practicing the special music! The very special music (yeah—you know what I'm talking about if you know the skit...I've never seen Music Director Matt look so pained before when I told him what we needed).

Kirkwood Club: This week we are going to have an Invention Convention...come and find out how God can use us no matter what!

Sunday School: There is no Sunday School or youth group next Sunday—enjoy celebrating Easter with your families!