

FPC Calendar for the Week of November 25 - December 2, 2018

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

Sunday, November 25; *Christ the King Sunday*

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
- 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Titles - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Topics - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - IN RECESS
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room - IN RECESS
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) - IN RECESS

Monday, November 26

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 7 Court of Honor and Potluck Supper - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 27

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 4:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Sanctuary Christmas Decorating - Chancel Guild - Chapel, Sanctuary, storage rooms in Chapel
- 6:15 PM Worship and Music Committee - Director of Music's Office
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Executive Session Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 7:00 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

Wednesday, November 28

- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 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 304
- 5:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
- 5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - 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

Thursday, November 29

- 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 5th and 6th Grade Basketball Practice - Gym

Friday, November 30

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 7:00 PM Lessons and Carols Rehearsal - Sanctuary, Choir Room

Saturday, December 1

- 12:15 PM 7th Annual Piccolo Christmas - Sanctuary, Chapel, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 2; *First Sunday of Advent; Sacrament of Holy Communion*

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - 3rd Floor CE Building
- 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Titles: *A Season of Hope and Anticipation* - Matthew - Von Maur Hall
- 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Topics - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - 3rd Floor 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 - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302
- 7:30 PM PAS: An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols - Chapel, Sanctuary, Choir Room

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

ACE: Christian Topics and Titles - Sundays, 10:10 AM

Christian Titles and Christian Topics are in recess today.

Bible Basics: *Isaac, a Sacrifice, and the Descendants of Abraham*

Wednesday, November 28, 6:15 PM

This may be a familiar story to many. Isaac is born of Abraham and Sarah. God gives Abraham a big challenge. We also learn more about Hagar and Ismael. For this lesson read Genesis chapters 21-23, chapter 24:1-9, and chapter 25:1-11. For more information about Bible Basics, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314). Newcomers are always welcome even if you do not read beforehand.

From the FPC Library Corner

New books have recently been added to the library collection! Stop by and check them out!

Fiction: *Dark Sacred Night* - Connelly - new Bosch/Ballard mystery; *Before We Were Yours* - Wingate - based on real-life 1939 scandal where agency kidnapped and sold poor children to the wealthy; *Big Little Lies* - Moriarty - people and the dangerous little lies they tell; *Bridge of Clay* - Zusak - life of the five Dunbar brothers whose father comes back into their lives (author of the *Book Thief*)

Non-Fiction: *The Miracle Season* - Bresnahan - true story of Iowa City volleyball team who loses its star player; *Wild Things: The Joy of Reading Children's Literature as an Adult* - Handy - funny, joyous, a reminder of many of the books read to children and why they are favorites; *Indianapolis* - Vincent and Vladic - true Story of Worst Sea Disaster in U.S. Naval History; *Building the Good Life for All* - Jung - transforming Income Inequality in our communities; *Code Girls* - Mundy - the untold story of American women code breakers of WWII; *The Grace of Dogs* - Root



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, November 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.

Sacrament of Holy Communion - Sunday, December 2

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, December 2, at the services of worship. The Furthest Pew Communion will be delivered the week of December 2. If you or someone you know would like to be visited by the Pastor and served Communion, contact the church office (563-326-1691).

An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 2, 7:30 PM

The music ministries of First Pres. are pleased to offer this service of Lessons and Carols to kickoff the liturgical season of Advent. This candlelight service features readings, hymns, and carols sung by the Chamber Chorale. For the third year in a row, this service is an intimate way to prepare our hearts and voices for the season of expectancy and the busy month that follows.

Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 PM

Our book for December is *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond. Please join us for discussion on Tuesday, November 6 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor! If you need a copy of the book, please contact Katie.

Manna & More Breakfast - Sunday, December 9, 8:15 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, November 11 from 8:15 - 10:30 AM. Waffles/pancakes, sausages, a special cherry topping with usual syrup, Cool Whip, nuts and a Christmas pastry if available. Orange juice, milk, tea, water. Adults \$3, children (12 & under) \$1. Everyone is invited -- see you there!

Annual Ugly Sweater Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange 2018

Friday, December 14, 6:00 PM

Calling All Young(ish) Adults (ages 21 to 45-ish) of FPC! Our annual Ugly Sweater Party is set for Friday, December 14 from 6:00 -7:30 PM (ish) in Fellowship Hall! Let's celebrate Christmas in the ugliest sweaters we can find, and bring your favorite holiday side dish to share plus a white elephant gift (under \$15) to exchange! Tiffany's making the turkeys and a ham. RSVP to Tiffany (563-326-1691; mclure@fpcdavenport.org).



FPC Christmas Concert 2018

Saturday, December 15, 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 16, 4:00 PM

COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS REQUIRED, included in benefactor and series packets

The Christmas concerts at FPC have become a much anticipated event in the Quad Cities. This year's concerts, on the third weekend of December, feature many of the church's great ensembles: the Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Chorale, Vesper Bells, Celebration Singers, and Cecelian Carolers, accompanied by full orchestra and dancers.

This year's concert is centered around our calling to share our abundant gifts with others, a message conveyed in many beloved Christmas carols. In addition to some of our favorite carols and hymns of the season, the concert features the rarely performed *Magnificat* by Johann Christian Bach. We are also asking for concert attendees to bring a non-perishable food item that will be collected at the door and donated to a local Food Bank.

Be sure to reserve your complimentary ticket in advance!

STEWARDSHIP

Make Your Stewardship Pledge Today

Stewardship helps fill this church with prayers of thanks to God. In this church, we are surrounded by people who pledge their time, prayers, and money to provide Christian care to others – to the hungry, the thirsty, and the stranger – to the naked, the sick, and the friendless. We are surrounded by people who have discovered the great gift of God’s love and Christ’s teachings: When we give of ourselves and our work, we get far more than we give – and far more than we can ever repay for the gifts bestowed upon us. Thanks be to God. Pledge cards can be found in the pew racks. You may bring your pledge forward or place it in the offering plate during worship. Online pledging and giving can be set up by following this link. Give Thanks in response to God’s grace and call when making your pledge.

CONGREGATION NEWS

Church Officer Training

Saturday, December 8, and Saturday, January 5, 8:30 AM

Newly elected church officers, please plan to attend church officer training on either Saturday, December 8 or Saturday, January 5, 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 6, 2019, 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.

Safety and Security for Our Caring Community

First Presbyterian Church is a welcoming and caring community. In an effort to bring a higher level of safety and security to the church, the Emergency Preparedness Committee has recommended that the some of doors along the east side of the church become exit only doors. The Session has approved that beginning on Sunday, December 1, 2018, the doors at Kirkwood Landing - 2S; Iowa Street - 3E; and Iowa Street 4E will be exit only doors. If you routinely use those doors on Sunday mornings to enter the church, please be advised that you should plan to enter at the Christian Education Building or near Sanctuary parking lot. Thank you for understanding and being a caring community of faith.

The 2018 Annual Report

Committee reports for the 2018 Annual Report are due December 31, 2018. For more information, contact Diane Pumphrey in the church office (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org). The 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, 2019, at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

FINANCIAL UPDATE				
	October 2018	October 2018	October 2017	October 2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	51,411	79,185	66,664	78,563
Custodial Accounts Income	3,983		3,823	
General Fund Expenses	75,055	78,262	67,862	79,995
Custodial Accounts Expenses	3,983	-	3,823	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(23,644)	923	(1,198)	(1,432)
	2018 Year-To-Date	2018 Year-To-Date	2017 Year-To-Date	2017 Year-To-Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	741,123	796,711	727,085	842,015
Custodial Accounts Income	72,012		86,223	
General Fund Expenses	752,074	820,823	727,640	857,073
Custodial Accounts Expenses	72,012	-	86,223	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(10,951)	(24,112)	(555)	(15,058)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

ACT (high school) & EPIC (middle school) Youth Groups - Sundays, 5:30 PM

ACT and EPIC are IN RECESS today.



Kirkwood Club (1st through 5th graders)

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

Kirkwood Club this Wednesday will be a Family Game Night! Parents are encouraged to attend, youth are welcome to bring a favorite game or chose one of our numerous ones, and come play! We will enjoy popcorn and games together. Starts at 6:30 PM after choir!

Sunday School in December

Starting December 2, our Sunday School youth in grades PreK through 6th are going to engage in a three week Advent study during the Sunday School hour which will take them through the true meaning of Christmas and the events leading up to that first Christmas. All youth will continue to meet in their regular classrooms; the lessons will just be a bit different as we explore Advent and the birth of Christ together!



ACT and EPIC at the Davenport Food Pantry

Tuesday, December 18, 4:00 PM

The middle and high school youth at FPC will be volunteering at the Davenport Food Pantry at J. B. Young on Tuesday, December 18 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Please let Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691) if you can be there!

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; 563-505-0471).



A Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday, December 24, 11:00 PM

Lastly, the Christmas Eve schedule will include a traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, to end as the clock strikes midnight and as Christmastide begins. The service includes Christmas carols from the Sanctuary Choir and the Cecelian Carolers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RiverBend Bronze Holiday Concerts

Saturday, December 8, 2:00 PM and Sunday, December 9, 3:00 PM

Enjoy the sound of handbells as RiverBend Bronze rings in the holiday season with the St. John’s United Methodist Church handbell choir on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 PM at St. John’s United Methodist Church in Davenport. On Sunday, December 9, RiverBend Bronze will perform with the Quad City Wind Ensemble at 3:00 PM at the St. Ambrose Galvin Fine Arts Center.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Angel Tree Gift Tags Available Today!

Once again, FPC is supporting the Angel Tree project through Bethany for Children and Families. Gift tags will be available between services in Fellowship Hall today. Please make sure that if you take a tag or tags, you provide your contact information on our master sheet so that we know who has which tags. We have 100 tags representing 100 children who have been identified by Bethany social workers as having a true need. The tags provide the first name, sex and age of each child as well as their clothing size and gift suggestions. We would ask that you purchase appropriate gifts not to exceed \$45 per child and return the **unwrapped gifts in an open gift bag with the tag attached** to the church no later than Sunday, December 9. Because of confidentiality issues Bethany will pick up and deliver all gifts. YOU can make a child’s Christmas special!

Tabitha’s Circle - Sunday, December 9, 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 Sharon Simmonds (563-355-7008) for information.

Shoes Needed for Boys and Girls Club

This year, we have learned of a need for shoes for the Boys and Girls Club Youth. So, in Fellowship Hall, there is a Christmas tree decorated with names and shoe sizes of the children who meet here at the church. Any kind of tennis shoe, running shoe or sneaker would be greatly appreciated as a Christmas gift for any of these children. Shoes may be wrapped, and need to be returned by December 16. Thank you!

Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In December, we are collecting pancake mix - ideally one where you only have to add water - or other baking mixes. 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).



Hope Project Glove Giveaway

Tuesday, December 18, 3:00 PM

Join us for the next Hope Project at FPC! We’re giving the gift of warmth with a hot cocoa and glove giveaway. Meet by the porte cochere entrance along Kirkwood Boulevard, on Tuesday, December 18, from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Everyone is invited to participate in providing this gift of warmth as we extend care, hope, and witness to the community as the heart of the city. Gloves and mittens may be donated by dropping them off in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office - **we are especially in need of gloves for adult men and toddlers**. This ministry is a form of listening to those in our community and making connections through Hope Projects. Contact Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, ext. 205) for more information.

Hope Projects: Caring and reaching out through visible works of service -- creating hope and awareness in our community as we put the church’s mission into action.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2018

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the form and send it to the church office or place it in the offering Plate. **The deadline for making memorial donations is December 9, 2018.**

In Memory or Honor of: _____

(circle one)

Given by: _____