

## FPC Calendar for the week of August 26 - September 2, 2018

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

### Sunday, August 26; Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Worship Service - west lot/outdoors

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

### Monday, August 27

9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts

4:00 PM Confirmation Teachers Meeting - Home of Tiffany McClure

6:30 PM Boy Scouts Court of Honor & Potluck Supper - Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, August 28

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - Gym

### Wednesday, August 29

8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Richard Miller's Office

9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor

9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts

12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor

6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

### Thursday, August 30

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room

5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall

6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - Gym

### Friday, August 31

9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts

### Saturday, September 1

8:00 AM Nursery Care for Choir Retreat - FPC Nursery

8:30 AM Choir Retreat - St. Ambrose University

### Sunday, September 2; Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM Worship Service - west lot/outdoors

10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00 AM Sunday School Teacher Orientation - Von Maur Hall

11:00 AM Welcome Reception for Alex Gilson - Fellowship Hall

### Summer Worship Times Through September 2

8:30 AM (outdoors, weather permitting) & 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Childcare is available for all services, in the nursery on the third floor of the CE Building.

### Program Year Worship Times Begin September 9

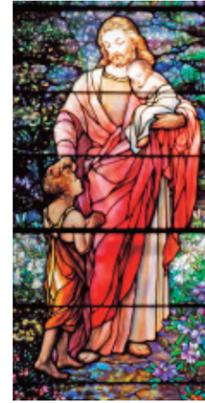
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM in our Sanctuary

Christian Education for all ages at 10:00 AM

Childcare is available for all services, in the nursery on the third floor of the CE Building.

## Tiffany Window Immersion and Wine Tasting Tour in Dubuque

Saturday, October 27, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



This is a perfect opportunity to invite friends to enjoy fellowship with our church members! Join our Travel Fellowship to learn how First Presbyterian of Davenport and St. Luke's Methodist Church in Dubuque are artistically and historically connected. Enjoy fall colors along the Mississippi River too. St. Luke's is home to the fifth largest collection of Tiffany Windows in the United States. Every window in the church is a unique work of art and all were created by Louis Comfort Tiffany in New York.

The windows are only one of the many similarities between our two sanctuaries and church history. Come join us for a private tour to learn the "rest of the story" as well as how their church leaders visited our church after our "Bridge Builders" restoration project in the late 1990s. Mr. Dayton Spence was instrumental in restoring our original sanctuary color palate with brilliant colors and gold embellishments. St. Luke's ultimately hired Dayton as their painting and design consultant to bring back the original jewel tones and Victorian elements at St. Luke's. Both churches have Romanesque style exteriors, with origins in the Middle Ages, as characterized by thick walls, heavy columns, and round arches for windows and doors.

We start out the morning with a coach tour of historic Dubuque led by a professional guide from Travel Dubuque. You will learn the stories behind the city's architecture and of the influential families and religious leaders who set the scene for its growth and prosperity in the 1800s. This will be followed by a guided tour of St. Luke's Methodist where our docent will share the significance of its many Tiffany treasures.

After our church tour, we plan to sample wine at the Stone Cliff Winery with some pizza. The winery is housed in the historic Star Brewery building overlooking the Mississippi. If time permits group members will have time to explore downtown before heading back to the Quad Cities. Invite your friends who might be interested in First Presbyterian as their new church home to join you. Register on the church website ([www.fpcdavenport.org](http://www.fpcdavenport.org)) for \$49 per person with a minimum group participation of 25 to reserve a bus. Registration is non-refundable, but transferable. Committee member, Linda Meadors (309-912-4888) will be able to answer questions. Confirmation letters will be mailed two weeks in advance of the tour. Final date to register is Friday, October 19 or when tour is filled.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, August 26, 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.

### Sunday School Registration Now Open!



Don't forget to sign your child up for Sunday School! Registration forms are in the back of the narthex for youth in PreK through High School! Our Open House, where the children can meet all the teachers, is on September 9 and the first day of Sunday School is September 16. We look forward to welcoming any youth that want to participate in learning about the amazing love God has for each and every one of them!

### Register for Youth and Adult Choirs Now!

Follow the links on the church's website to the choir page and complete the online registration form! It's that easy! Now you're singing in the choir.



### Bible Basics: David and Goliath and more - Wednesday, August 29, 6:15 PM

This is a story ripe for a made-for-TV movie. King Saul is still around, but David makes a big splash. David kills Goliath with a slingshot and stone. Or does he? And how does Saul feel about David's fame? Saul makes David his son-in-law but then attempts to kill David on multiple occasions. Saul's own son plots with David. For this lesson, read I Samuel, chapters 16-24. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com, 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com, 563-359-6607).

### Manna and More Breakfast

Sunday, September 9, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service Sunday, September 9. We will serve egg casserole, plus a few pancakes (for the kids), fruit, mini muffins and cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee, tea, and water. Adults - \$3, children (12 & under) - \$1.



### Involvement Fair

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 AM

God has blessed us with talents to share with those around us. Come to our involvement fair to learn the ways your talent can be shared with the various committees at First Presbyterian.

Groups and committees seeking the involvement of more people are encouraged to participate in the church's Involvement Fair. How do you reserve a table for the fair? Notify the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691). At the Involvement Fair, plan to have smiling representatives ready to answer questions and invite people to become involved with your group or committee.

### Men's Cookout - Friday, September 14, 5:00 PM

You're invited to the Men's Cookout at Ted Brown's home, 2226 N. Ripley St., Davenport. There will be burgers & brats, salads, chips, beverages and more -- and you don't have to cook! All men in the church are welcome and an RSVP is a must! There is a \$5 cost that needs to accompany the reservation by September 11. Questions/reservations? Contact Ted (tedbrown2@mchsi.com) or sign up at church.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Welcome Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music Alex Gilson Welcome Reception - Sunday, September 2, 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall



Alex Gilson is a recent graduate from the Eastman School of Music with a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature where he studied organ with his primary teacher Edoardo Bellotti. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 2016 from the studio of Dr. Jesse Eschbach with a Bachelor's degree in both Organ Performance and Jazz Studies (Piano concentration). While at UNT he served as Organ Scholar at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas under the direction of Scott Dettra and Graham Schulz. His previous teachers include the late Hugh Thompson, Thomas Schroeder, Dr. Crista Miller and Dr. Timothy Olsen. In September Alex begins his new appointment as Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, Iowa. His first recital in the Quad Cities will take place on Friday, February 22, 2019, as part of the church's Performing Arts Series. Alex advocates for the organ and its deserved place in the modern world by concertizing and showcasing its theological implications and purposes.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

### Confirmation Year

This is a Confirmation Year for all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and any youth older than that who are interested in being confirmed at FPC or who want more information about what it means to be a Presbyterian. If your child is going into 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) and let her know. We have amazing confirmation teachers year, we are looking at a Lock In Camp Out to kick off our season, and we will also be attending a Catholic Mass, a Muslim Temple, and a Jewish Synagogue to learn more about other faiths—and the one God we all worship and celebrate.



### Kirkwood Club - Begins Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 PM

FPC's Kirkwood Club Youth Group is for ALL children, whether FPC members or not, in 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and happens on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:15 PM. Kirkwood Choir, for these same youth, is also on Wednesday evenings from 5:45-6:30 PM. All are welcome to come and sing and then come and play, work on service projects and learn more about God's love for them! Kirkwood Club and Kirkwood Choir begin on September 20 with an ice cream social and playtime on the playground.

### ACT & EPIC - Begins Sunday, September 16, 5:30 PM

ACT (Active Christian Teens for high school youth) and EPIC (middle school youth group – these initials are top-secret and are only told to youth when they attend) will meet on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:00 PM. EVERYONE in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> is welcome to attend, whether members of FPC or not. Youth Groups kick off with a pizza party, an ice cream social and our traditional opening game of Pumpkin Bowling. Awesome and fantastic prizes (ie: things Tiffany finds in the supply room) are awarded to the winning team.

### Mission Trip Dinner - Sunday, September 23, 6:30 PM



The youth who attended our 2018 Mission Trip to Minneapolis would like to invite you a special dinner to hear all about our trip on Sunday, September 23 from 6:30 -7:30 PM. RSVP's are needed so we know how many to cook for. Let Tiffany (563-326-1691; mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) know if you are interested in attending. This fun and interactive dinner is for ANYONE who supported the youth on their mission: whether financially, in prayer, or any other manner! Thank you, and God Bless!

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE Fall Offerings - Sundays, Beginning September 9, 10:10 AM

This fall, there will be two Adult Christian Education offerings most Sundays. In September you will be introduced to the Rev. Katie Styr, find out what the choir was up to in Germany and learn about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA. On October 7, we will begin a seven-week book study on "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" During this unique study we'll discuss several things Christians don't need to believe. However, we'll spend most of our time studying what Christians do need to believe. If a book study is not your cup of tea, during October and November we will have presentations by the Rev. Dr. Richard Miller, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and a series on homelessness and housing in the Quad Cities. You have a choice! Please consider joining your fellow members each Sunday at 10:10 AM to deepen your knowledge and faith. A complete schedule will be distributed in September. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann (ptbee02@gmail.com). We hope to see you at ACE!

## CARING FOR FPC

### The Worship Task Force

The Worship Task Force has met several times now. One question we were asked to address is whether we should continue with our schedule of two traditional worship services or move to a single service. We know this is a difficult decision. We have made lists of benefits and concerns of such a change. Aided by congregational input to a 2014 survey and the more recent Envisioning 20/20 report, we have been discussing various options for our Sunday morning worship, education, and fellowship schedules. No decisions have been made on what our recommendation will be. Prayers for the Worship Task Force are appreciated. The Task Force members are Matt Bishop, Pat Cresap, Patrick Downing, Brock Earnhardt, Marty Bowles Edwards, Mike Ferris, Sarah Greim, Tiffany McClure, Mark Jones, Jane Magnusson, Jed Steckel, Jeanne Sherwood, and Rev. Katie Styr.

### Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum Sunday, September 16, 10:00 AM in the Parlor

To foster open communication, the Church Government & Personnel Committee (CG&P) will be available for church members to bring them any joys and/or concerns they may have at 10:00 AM.

### July 2018 Financial Update

	July 2018	July 2018	July 2017	July 2017
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	55,616	71,145	69,064	66,028
Custodial Accounts Income	2,735		7,848	
General Fund Expenses	65,490	74,276	63,921	77,487
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,735	-	7,848	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>(9,874)</b>	<b>(3,131)</b>	<b>5,143</b>	<b>(11,459)</b>
	2018	2018	2017	2017
	Year-To-Date	Year-To-Date	Year-To-Date	Year-To-Date
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	566,847	597,856	561,132	619,236
Custodial Accounts Income	56,719		54,401	
General Fund Expenses	517,503	574,112	512,560	586,395
Custodial Accounts Expenses	56,719	-	54,401	-
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>49,344</b>	<b>23,744</b>	<b>48,572</b>	<b>32,841</b>

### Commissioning of Tiffany McClure - September 30, 6:00 PM

Tiffany McClure will be commissioned to First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to be a witness and a part of this event. There will be line dancing and bubbles and a big white dress and an exchange of rings and...oh wait. That was three weeks ago. This will be a different ceremony, but Tiffany will still cry. Probably.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

### PSST (Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday) - September 11, 6:30 pm

After enjoying a summer break, the Prayer Shawl Ministry of FPC will resume meeting on the second Tuesday of each month. The group has been knitting/crocheting prayer shawls for distribution to the congregation for many years. The group also makes hats, sweaters, and blankets for the Knit for Kids organization, which distributes those items to children nationally and globally. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and the fellowship of lovely people, while creating gifts for others, please join us. Those with beginner skills are welcome. The patterns are not hard. Questions? Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-2038; nancyotr97@gmail.com).

### Food Pantry Volunteer Date - Tuesday, September 18

Due to Food Pantry scheduling changes we are now signed up to volunteer on the third Tuesday each month from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Volunteers are very much needed -- we have 20 spots to fill each month. If you are able to help, please email Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) and let her know!

### Peacemaker Visit - Sunday, September 30



Rev. Jerome Bizimana

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (USA) sponsors peacemakers and missionaries around the world? International Peacemaker Jerome Bizimana of Rwanda is visiting Iowa and sharing news of his ministry on Sunday, September 30. He'll be preaching at both services and taking part in a Q&A ACE session. Rev. Jerome Bizimana is President of Remera Presbytery in Rwanda and the initiator of the Light Group, bringing together survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi Rwandans. He will share how the church helps bring about reconciliation. Rev. Jerome studied Peace Building and Conflict Resolution in Zambia in 2004 – 2005 at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation.

### Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, September 30, 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 information.

## FELLOWSHIP & FUN

### Women's Breakfast - Saturday, September 22, 9:00 AM

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a delicious breakfast while sharing fellowship with friends! Then listen to a program by Rev. Pat Halverson, who lives with her lovable, free-loading Norwegian Elkhound mix, Elsa. Pat is an oil painting artist and sees a unity of her interests: studying the creation in the sciences, learning of and serving the Creator in theology and ministry, and seeking to express the beauty of God's creation through art. Child care will be provided as well as transportation for those who need it. Cost is \$10 per person, with a portion going to a special need within the community. Sign up between the services in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org).



Rev. Pat Halverson

### Save the Date for Homecoming Sunday - Sunday, October 7

A traditional, annual event to honor First Presbyterian church members who are 75 years old and more! A delicious luncheon will be served and amazing music will be played! Please join in sharing good conversation, good food and reconnecting, sustaining or finding new friendships.