

## FPC Calendar for the Week of December 2 - 9, 2018

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

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

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
- 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 - Sanctuary

### Monday, December 3

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 3:00 PM Churches United Meal Site Preparation - Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
- 5:30 PM Churches United Meal Site Serving - offsite
- 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 7 Court of Honor and Potluck Supper - Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, December 4

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 12:00 PM Church Office Closed for the Afternoon
- 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 4:30 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:30 PM Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Parlor

### Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 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, December 6

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 5:30 PM Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting - Parlor
- 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, December 7

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

### Saturday, December 8

- 8:30 AM Officer Training - Von Maur Hall

### Sunday, December 9; *Second Sunday of Advent*

- 8:15 AM Manna & More - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor CE Building
- 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
- 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Titles: *A Season of Hope and Anticipation - Mark* - 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 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor CE Building
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Tabitha's Circle - Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - 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

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE: Christian Titles - Today

#### Christian Titles

Advent Study: *A Season of Hope and Anticipation - The Gospel of Matthew* - 10:10 AM, Room 306

### Bible Basics: *Foretelling the Messiah*

Wednesday, December 5, 6:15 PM

This week's readings will be selected from the Old Testament lectionary scriptures for Advent and Christmas. We will discuss these scriptures that foretell the coming of the Messiah. Some may be familiar, others not. For a list of the scripture readings, please contact Mark Jones ([mkjones@mchsi.com](mailto: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, December 2, 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 - Today

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served today at the services of worship. The Furthest Pew Communion will be delivered this week. 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 - Today, 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 ([styrkt@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:styrkt@fpcdavenport.org)).

### 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.

### 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, December 9 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!

### 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.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONGREGATION NEWS

### 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, call the church office (563-326-1691) if the weather is bad – if the church office will be closed and all activities are canceled. Individual events and activities can be canceled at the discretion of the leader of said event.

### 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 today, 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.

### Ordination of Allison Bengfort - Saturday, December 8, 2:00 PM

You are joyfully invited to the Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Allison Bengfort, daughter of Linda and Scott Bengfort, on Saturday, December 8 at 2:00 PM at the Lutheran School of Theology, 1100 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago Illinois. A reception with light refreshments will follow the service. The color of the day is red. All are invited to dress in red!

### Comfy Christmas - Sunday, December 30, 10:00 AM

The first Sunday after Christmas, we are going to have one service at 10:00 AM and it will be a “Comfy Christmas” Service. Everyone is encourage to come in their pajamas, enjoy a cup of hot cocoa or coffee, and listen as we read a story about Christmas together. This will be a very casual, supportive and relaxed service and we would love to see you!

### 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Celebrate the Holidays with Chordbusters - Fridays, December 7, 7:00 PM

Join us for a Celebrate the Holidays Christmas show Friday, December 7 at 7:00 PM. The show will be held at the Heritage Church, 4801 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Island. There will be several acts performing including: Don Mitchem's guitar and vocals, Hersong woman's chorus, the Glenview Middle School choir, the Second Baptist Church choir, and the Moline High School choir, along with several other exciting acts. The Davenport Chordbusters and Harminators combined choruses will also perform. There will also be a free will offering taken to support the local Churches United Food Pantries.

### 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.

### Literary Heroines Exhibit at the Putnam Museum

Strong, influential female protagonists spring from the pages of some of literature's most iconic books with the Putnam's the newest exhibit, *Literary Heroines: Their Times, Their Fashions* open NOW through early January! Take a critical look at the apparel and interests of exciting and memorable characters, as they come to life through vignettes examining literary heroines.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Give Thanks to God with Your Pledge

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. We have more than 500 church families who should pledge. As of November 27, we have received 173 pledges totaling \$511,168 (AVG \$2,955) – toward a goal of \$800,000 (the same for three years). We are a little behind previous years, but more than 100 families who pledged in 2018 have not yet pledged for 2019, and far too many families simply do not pledge. 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!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

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

We are going to be rehearsing for the Christmas pageant tonight! We need all hands on deck for this—even if you're not in the pageant, we need you for support, to laugh in the right places and to read for those who can't make it!

### Kirkwood Club (1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders) Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

If you are following the schedule, it says we will be doing an Advent Craft this week. Yeah—we're not. We're going to play a game in the gym and run around screaming (or maybe that's just Tiffany). Game to be forthcoming.

### Sunday School in December

Starting today, our Sunday School youth in grades PreK through 6<sup>th</sup> 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!



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Musikgarten - Sundays, 10:20 AM

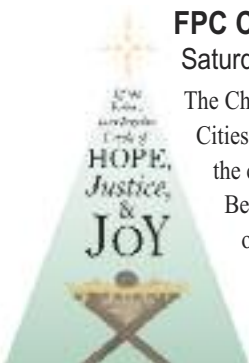
Musikgarten is for infants through three year olds and their parents and/or grandparents. Our 30 minute Musikgarten class meets between services on Sunday mornings from 10:20-10:50 AM in Room 307. Come and join us! We would love to celebrate with you! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).

### FPC Christmas Concert 2018

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

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. 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! For more information, please contact Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, ext. 201).



## 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!

### 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!



### 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.

### ACT/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!

### 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).

## FELLOWSHIP & FUN

### 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; mcclure@fpcdavenport.org).

