

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

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

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

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - west lot/outdoors
- 9:35 AM Worship Task Force Feed Back Conversation - Fellowship Hall
- 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
- 11:05 AM Worship Task Force Feed Back Conversation - Fellowship Hall

### Monday, September 3; Labor Day

Church closed in recognition of the national holiday

### Tuesday, September 4

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee - Parlor
- 6:30 PM Women's Non-fiction Book Club - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - Gym

### Wednesday, September 5

- 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, September 6

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:00 PM Budget Meeting - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

### Friday, September 7

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts

### Saturday, September 8

- 9:00 AM InTouch Training - Von Maur Hall

### Sunday, September 9; Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:15 AM Manna & More Fellowship Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor CE Building
- 10:00 AM Involvement Fair - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM Worship Task Force Feed Back Conversation - Fellowship Hall
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room
- 10:10 AM Sunday School Rally Day - Third Floor CE Building
- 10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - Room 307
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

### 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.

## FELLOWSHIP

### New Small Group: Women's Non-fiction Book Club

First Meeting Date - Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 PM

Come join us for fellowship and discussion! This new small group, led by Kristine Oswald, will be a space for women of all ages to discuss non-fiction books. At our first meeting we'll share ideas for books to focus on, then each month we'll pick a book to read and discuss. Snacks will be provided. Please join us for our first meeting: Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. RSVP to the church office ([office@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:office@fpcdavenport.org)) so that we can plan accordingly. If you'd like to come but can't make the first meeting, please let us know!

### 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](mailto:tedbrown2@mchsi.com)) or sign up at church.

### Tiffany Window Immersion & Wine Tasting Tour in Dubuque

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



Join our Travel Fellowship to St. Luke's Methodist Church in Dubuque, home to the fifth largest collection of Tiffany Windows in the United States, and enjoy fall colors along the Mississippi River too. We start the day with a coach tour of historic Dubuque. 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 will sample wine at the Stone Cliff Winery with some pizza. If time permits group members will have time to explore downtown. Invite your friends who might be interested in FPC 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, September 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.

### Worship and Music Task Force Feed Back Conversations

Today, 9:35 and 11:05 AM in Fellowship Hall

Worship and Music Task Force is recommending our congregation change the Sunday morning schedule to a single, 9:30 AM traditional worship service. This recommendation was presented in detail to the Session on August 20 and mailed to your homes in a letter. No decision has been made at this time. The next two Sundays members of the Worship Task Force will be in Fellowship Hall to receive your thoughts, questions, concerns, and encouragement: Sunday, September 2, immediately following both worship services (9:35 and 11:05 AM) in Fellowship Hall; Sunday September 9, at the 10:00 AM Involvement Fair in Fellowship Hall, at a table marked Worship Task Force. Our prayer is to come together as a joy-filled congregation, sharing in worship and enriching our lives with fellowship, education, music, and service. The Worship Task Force looks forward to your input toward this goal.

### Welcome Principal Organist and Assistant Director of Music Alex Gilson

Welcome Reception - Today, 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.

### 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!

### 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](mailto: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.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



### 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.

### 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 (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



## 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. contact Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org), If your child is going into 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and let her know so she can add you to the list!

### 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!

## CARING FOR FPC

### 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.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE: Christian Topics and Christian Titles 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!

### Bible Basics: Saul's Troubled Reign Comes to an End Wednesday, September 5, 6:15 PM

In this last part of 1 Samuel, the story of Saul continues to its tragic conclusion. Saul hunts David. David spares Saul's life – twice. David lives among the Philistines – really! Saul fights one final battle. For this lesson, read I Samuel, chapters 25-31. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com, 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com, 563-359-6607).

## CONGREGATION NEWS

### August 2018 Session Update

- 1) Letter of gratitude received from the PC(USA) Mission Engagement Advisor – Midwest, Rhonda Kruse, expressed appreciation for the congregational donations to the shared mission and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Funds.
- 2) Five thank you cards were circulated, which expressed appreciation for use of the buildings and grounds for Bix Volunteer Training, and for post RAGBRAI cleanup, rest, and meeting location for a team of riders from Minnesota.
- 3) Iowa Street Neighborhood Garden plot continues to be very active. PUNCH will provide signage to indicate when produce is available for harvest by local neighbors. KWQC will be scheduling a dinner in October using produce from the gardens to promote the neighborhood garden project.
- 4) CareLINK program is ending. A partnership between FPC and The Center will target transitional financial needs of the neighborhood. The Center has agreed to do all of the vetting and granting and will provide monthly records of recipients and amounts to FPC.
- 5) Homework Helpers kickoff in September and will benefit from Davenport Central High School Honor's Society helping with tutoring.
- 6) September 8 – InTouch service training from 9:00 to 10:30 AM
- 7) JUST BETWEEN US: Artist Candy Chang created a community sharing of meaningful thought which Mark Jones will bring to our congregation. Watch for a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall that will hold a thought provoking question and space for responses. The goal is to stimulate reflection and sharing. The question will be changed periodically as appropriate and inspired. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com).
- 8) A Finance Manager Search Committee has been formed and includes the following people: Stephanie Arp, Chair: Nancy Chapman, Jeff Ehrmann, John Hensel, Rob Lamb, Kent Marcek, Pam Paulsen.
- 9) The Finance Committee reviewed the property and liability insurance. After careful review, as of August 15, 2018, the church will be insured through Insurance Board (at the recommendation of the Presbytery) for property and liability, and worker's compensation insurance. All policies are stand-alone policies meaning that they are not tied with the Presbytery of East Iowa's coverages.
- 10) Expenses are running 15% below budgeted amounts year to date, and donations have been 6% below budget. Committees were praised for this conservative spending pattern and encouraged to continue mindful spending as the fall program season is implemented.

### 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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of FPC meets the second Tuesday of each month. The group knits/crochets prayer shawls for the congregation and hats, sweaters, and blankets for the Knit for Kids. If you enjoy 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).

### Peace and Global Witness Offering - Season of Peace

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is received during the season of peace, which is collected on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 7. This offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers, enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by directly addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.

### 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.