

## FPC Calendar for the Week of September 30 - October 7, 2018

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

### Sunday, September 30; Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM Worship Hosts Training - Parlor  
 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 - IN RECESS  
 10:00 AM Worship Hosts Training - Parlor  
 10:10 AM ACE : Christian Topics - PCUSA Peacemaker Jerome Bizimana Q & A - Von Maur Hall  
 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room  
 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  
 12:00 PM Tabitha's Circle - Fellowship Hall  
 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS  
 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS  
 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) - IN RECESS  
 6:00 PM Installation for Tiffany McClure - Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall

### Monday, October 1

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym  
 3:00 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Preparation - Fellowship Hall Kitchen  
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105  
 5:30 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Serving - offsite  
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105  
 7:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting  
 7:00 PM Executive Session Meeting - Von Maur Hall

### Tuesday, October 2

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304  
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105  
 4:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee - Von Maur Hall  
 4:30 PM Building & 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, October 3

8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Richard Miller's Office  
 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 105  
 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  
 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

### Thursday, October 4

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room  
 12:00 PM Clergy Brown Bag Lunch - Parlor  
 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304  
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105  
 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall  
 6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel  
 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, October 5

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

### Saturday, October 6

8:00 AM TOPS Fall Rally - Fellowship Hall  
 5:45 PM Pride of the Wapsi Pumpkin Patch Visit

### Sunday, October 7; Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Homecoming 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 - IN RECESS  
 10:00 AM ACE: Christian Titles - Introduction to *What's the Least I Can Do and Still Be a Christian?* - Room 306  
 10:10 AM ACE : Christian Topics - Rev. Dr. Richard Miller, Reflections on St. Francis - Von Maur Hall  
 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room  
 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  
 12:00 PM Homecoming Luncheon - Fellowship Hall  
 1:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) - Modern Woodman Stadium  
 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS  
 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

### ACE: Christian Topics - Sundays, 10:10 AM

#### Today - PCUSA Peacemaker Jerome Bizimana

International Peacemaker Jerome Bizimana of Rwanda will be here for a question and answer session. Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about the work of our church.

### Bible Basics: Paul's Story as Told in Acts - Wednesday, October 3, 6:15 PM

This week we will read the story of Paul's third missionary trip, his arrest, and journey to Rome as told in Acts. For October 3, read Acts chapters 24-28. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (563-332-9314; [kjones@mchsi.com](mailto:kjones@mchsi.com)) or Julie Grothusen (563-359-6607; [mjgrothusen@hotmail.com](mailto:mjgrothusen@hotmail.com)).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

### ACT & EPIC - Today, 5:30 PM

EPIC and ACT are going to meeting tonight at 5:30 PM to practice their song one last time before Tiffany's installation, and then attend the installation at 6:00 PM and eat pizza and cake afterwards.

### Kirkwood Club - Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

This Wednesday, October 3, we are going to make a wide variety of breads representing countries around the world, and then share the bread with the congregation on World Communion Sunday next week! You will get the taste the breads you make this evening as well.

### Pumpkin Patch - Saturday, October 6, 5:45 PM

Our annual trip to the Pride of the Wapsi this year will take place on Saturday, October 6 and starts at 5:45 PM. This is for all families and is so much fun! We will experience a tractor ride, everyone gets to pick a pumpkin, and we will have a hot dog roast and make s'mores. PLEASE BRING A SIDE TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP. This fun evening is \$6 per person and we MUST have R.S.V.P.'s. Normal cost is \$12, but FPC will fund half the amount. R.S.V.P. to Tiffany (563-326-1691; [mcclure@fpcdavenport.org](mailto:mcclure@fpcdavenport.org)) to let her know how many to expect.



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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, September 30, 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.

### Presbyterian Travel Seminar to Rawanda - March 11-23, 2019



Rev. Jerome Bizimana

Today, Rev. Jerome Bizimana is coming to First Pres. to share his experiences as a Christian in Rwanda. Next spring, we are invited to travel to Rwanda on a journey of discovery with Presbyterians from around the US and South Sudan. Participants will enjoy the scenic beauty of the "Land of 1000 Hills" and the cleanliness and architectural innovation of Kigali as they visit the Kigali Genocide Museum and other "remembrance" sites located throughout Rwanda. They will learn about the grassroots system of community justice -- the Gacaca court system which

contributed to the process of reconciliation. The experience of American Presbyterians will be enriched by a delegation of participants from the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan who will share in community about their context and the relevance of the Rwandan experience to South Sudan. The seminar cost is still being determined. Applications are due by November 1, 2018. After that date, applications will be considered as space remains available. A sample itinerary and online application form are available on the Peacemaking Program's Travel Study Seminar webpage (<https://bit.ly/2M2iaSH>) or by calling 888-728-7228, x-5805.

### Share Your Joys and Concerns

In each pew register, slips of paper are available on which to write your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests (big, small, and everything in between) on these sheets, and give them to a Worship Host during the Passing of the Peace. All prayer requests will be shared with the congregation later in the service, so that we can pray them together.



### Sign Up for Travel Fellowship Between Services Today!

Between services today, Fellowship Committee Member, Linda Meadors, will be accepting cash and check payments of \$49 per person for the October 27 Dubuque Wine and Tiffany Window day trip. Reservations can also be made on line at [fpcdavenport.org](http://fpcdavenport.org) or by stopping in the church office.

### Tabitha's Circle - Today, 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.

### Commissioning of Tiffany McClure - Today, 6:00 PM

Tiffany McClure will be commissioned at First Presbyterian Church this evening. Everyone is invited to this ceremony and the reception to follow. There will be pizza and cupcakes!



### Homecoming Sunday - Sunday, October 7

Homecoming is 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! This is a chance to share good conversation, good food and reconnecting, sustaining or finding new friendships. We need volunteers to assist our guests, especially drivers to transport attendees. Please let Pat Cresap (563-449-8148; [cresaptwo@gmail.com](mailto:cresaptwo@gmail.com)) know if you can help.



## MISSION & OUTREACH

### Peace and Global Witness Offering

The Peace and Global Witness Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education, expertise, and examples of how we can actively create resources to deal with conflict and nurture reconciliation, not only in our community but also around the world. We know that the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere. We pray for peace -- for our world, our community, our church, and ourselves. Let's actively support those prayers with our offerings.

### Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In October, we are collecting canned chili, stew and high protein soups. 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).

### Grant Funds Available - The Deacons' Endowment Fund

Applications are being received September 15 through November 15 for grants from the Deacons' Endowment Fund. These grants are intended to provide seed money to help groups and organizations within First Presbyterian Church and our church community to develop new mission, outreach, pastoral care and spiritual development programs. The maximum grant that will be awarded is \$5,000. In prior years Deacons' Endowment Fund grants has been awarded to help start Habitat ReStore's Health & Home Store, to secure a therapy dog for Sudlow Intermediate School, to help QC Symphony Orchestra pay for private tutoring for neighborhood music students, to help AMKA Africa School Foundation support students and to benefit other programs and projects. Additional information and applications are available through the church office, at the Welcome Desk, the Deacons' Corner, the church's website at [fpcdavenport.org/def.htm](http://fpcdavenport.org/def.htm) or from Brock Earnhardt ([brockearnhardt@hotmail.com](mailto:brockearnhardt@hotmail.com)).

## CARING FOR FPC

### Worship Task Force

The Worship Task Force appreciates the feedback it has received from the congregation. We continue to meet to consider what you have told us and will not be ready to make a decision for a number of weeks. You may continue to provide us your thoughts.

### Prayer Shawls Available!

The members of the Prayer Shawl group (PSST) invite you to give a prayer shawl to a family member, friend, neighbor or colleague that is in need of God's loving presence. The recipient need not be a member of the church. A prayer shawl or lap robe is tangible evidence of God's presence among us and can be given in times of challenge or joy. Please feel free to give one to someone you know. The shawls are available every Sunday on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary and on the coat racks in Fellowship Hall and near the main office at all times during the week.

### Worship Hosts Training Event - Today, 8:00 and 10:00 AM

All current and new Worship Hosts (Ushers) are invited and encouraged to attend the Worship Host Training today in the Parlor at either 8:00 or 10:00 AM. This event will discuss the new Incident Report Forms created by the Emergency Preparedness Task Force, review all the responsibilities of Worship Hosts (including the additional duties of the Head Hosts), and check the current schedule, email and regular mail addresses, and phone numbers for all hosts. Please select one of the meeting times and join the Hospitality and Welcoming Committee for bagels and coffee/tea at this 40 minute training session.

## CONGREGATION NEWS

### National Alliance on Mental Illness Presentation at FPC

Sunday, October 21 - Adult Group 10:10 AM & Youth Group 6:00 PM



NAMI In Our Own Voice is a unique presentation that offers hope and provides insight into recovery. Two trained presenters share their personal stories of Dark Days, Acceptance, Treatment, Coping Strategies, Successes, Hopes and Dreams in a 60 minute presentation.

What You'll Gain: NAMI In Our Own Voice adds a critical perspective to the popular understanding of what people living with mental health conditions are like. Going to this presentation will provide you:

- A first-hand account of what it's like to live with a mental health condition. Presenters humanize this misunderstood topic by demonstrating that it's possible—and common—to live well with a mental health condition.
- A chance to ask the presenters questions, which allows for a deeper understanding of mental health conditions and dispels stereotypes and misconceptions.

### "Before I Die" Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall

In 2011 artist Candy Chang covered the side of an abandoned house with a chalkboard on which she provided space for anyone to write their response to this phrase, "Before I die, I want to..." Since 2011, thousands of "Before I die" boards have been installed around the world. Such a board has been placed in Fellowship Hall. You are each invited to thoughtfully consider your response to this phrase and write your response on the wall. Markers are provided. Do not sign.

### September 2018 Session Update

- Salvation Army's new location: Zion Lutheran Church on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Marquette in Davenport. All leftovers will go to Winnie's Wishes. Regular serving schedule resumes in October.
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor, a cooperation between FPC and The Center aimed at providing transitional financial help to neighborhood families in need and a replacement program for the defunct Brady Street CareLINK Program, is now fully established and operational. Referral sheets are in FPC's office and funds have begun flowing to The Center. A special thank you to Pastor Katie, Cindy Schalk and Pennie from The Center for establishing this program in less than three months! It has been late February since CareLINK stopped providing assistance. We can now begin to help neighborhood families bridge those transitional gaps when unexpected things happen.
- Pam Ford is the new Deacons contact for organizing Funeral Support.
- October 7 – Homecoming Dinner. Volunteers are needed to help with serving and driving participants to and/or from the Worship Service and meal. Please call the office to offer your assistance.
- Interviews are underway for Finance Manager.
- Affirmed the joyful presence of children in worship.
- New small group ideas are welcomed by Rev Katie Styrt.

## 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](mailto:kathrynb15@gmail.com); 563-505-0471).



## STEWARDSHIP

### Give Thanks - Sundays, September 23 - November 4

We're going to do something different for Stewardship this year. For six Sundays, we're going to marry the *spiritual practice of stewardship* with *six practical acts of stewardship*, in support of six Deacons' ministries, based on *Matthew 25: 34-40 NRSV: When Jesus gathered the Disciples on Mt. Olive, just before His death, He said that when the Son of Man comes in His glory, He will say, "Come you who are blessed by my Father ... For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me ... just as you did it to one of the least of these members of my family, you did it to me."*



Our hope is that, as we all prayerfully consider our stewardship pledges for 2019, we can join together as a thankful congregation in six practical acts of stewardship. Through these practical acts, we can show our thanks and our faith that God provides for us in all circumstances of our lives, and we can show that we are part of how God provides for others. Please bring the much-needed items listed above to church on the Sundays indicated. You will be invited to bring them to the front of the Sanctuary.

**September 23** - Fresh Fruit for The Food Pantry - "...you gave me food"

**September 30** - Coffee, Cream & Sugar for Humility of Mary - "...gave me something to drink"

**October 7** - Used Smart Phones for QC Immigrants & Refugees - "...you welcomed me"

**October 14** - Kids' Hats & Gloves for the Boys & Girls Club - "...you gave me clothing"

**October 21** - Hand & Foot Warmers for The Center - "...you took care of me"

**October 28** - \$5 to \$10 Gift Cards for QC Safer - "...you visited me"

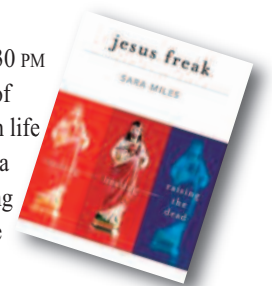
**November 4** - Pledge Cards for Stewardship Sunday

## FELLOWSHIP & FUN

### Women's Non-Fiction Book Club

Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 PM

The Women's Non-Fiction Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. We will be discussing *Jesus Freak* by Sara Miles -- a story of how the author decided to follow Jesus into the messy diversity of human life and feed the hungry in San Francisco. Her vivid and hilarious stories are a call to action and hope. We'd love to see you there! If you need help getting a copy of the or want to know more, contact Rev. Katie. Childcare can be provided with advanced notice -- please R.S.V.P. to the office ASAP.



### Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, October 14, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, October 14. We will serve pumpkin and plain pancakes (maple syrup, nuts and Cool Whip available for toppings), fruit, orange juice, milk, coffee, tea, and water. Adults - \$3, children (12 & under) - \$1.

### First Night Out Organizational Lunch - Sunday, October 21, 12:00 PM

First Night Out is comprised of small groups that meet once monthly. Each group plans activities which can vary from picnics, to a ball game, to whatever is of interest to the group. On October 21, following the second service, there will be a lunch in Von Maur Hall for those who wish to participate. The cost of the lunch will be \$5 per person. Sign up in advance, so assignments and arrangements for the food can be made, by stopping by Fellowship Hall today between 10:00 and 11:00 AM. FNO is open to all church members who are interested in socializing once a month to meet new church friends or enjoy the company of members known for years. If you are unable to attend the lunch, you can still be part of a group, just contact Marilyn Jorgenson (563-391-2737) or Brenda Helphrey (563-388-9345). Please bring an idea for a group activity.