

FPC Calendar for the Week of March 3 - 10, 2019

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

Sunday, March 3; *Transfiguration of the Lord*

- 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 - Chapel
- 10:10 AM ACE Titles: *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes* - Room 306
- 10:10 AM ACE Topics: Davenport Alderman Rita Rawson - 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
- 4:00 PM Cecelian Singers - Choir Room
- 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
- 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

Monday, March 4

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 3:00 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Preparation - Fellowship Hall Kitchen
- 3:30 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee - Von Maur Hall
- 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
- 3:00 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Serving - offsite
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105

Tuesday, March 5

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:30 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee - Parlor
- 5:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:30 PM Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Parlor

Wednesday, March 6; *Ash Wednesday*

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 11:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service - Chapel
- 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 - IN RECESS
- 6:15 PM Matin Bells Rehearsal - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service- Chapel
- 7:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, March 7

- 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
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday, March 8

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, March 9

- 8:00 AM NAMI Friends and Family Seminar - Parlor

Sunday, March 10; *First Sunday in Lent*

- 8:15 AM Manna & More - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
- 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
- 10:10 AM ACE Titles: *Who Is Jesus? The Book of Matthew* - Room 306
- 10:10 AM ACE Topics: Hannah Ritter - Von Maur Hall
- 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - IN RECESS
- 10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
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Spring Forward!
Daylight savings time begins
Sunday, March 10.
Remember to set your clocks
ahead one hour before you go to
bed the night before so you won't
be late to church!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

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

Tonight we will have a presentation from Camp Wyoming and then head to the gym to play Life Size Angry Birds. This should be amazing. Stay tuned for pictures and tweets (get it? Tweets? Because it's birds? Never mind)

Kirkwood Club (1st through 5th graders) - Wednesdays, 6:30 PM

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. After a short lesson about the meaning behind Ash Wednesday, Kirkwood club will attend the 7:00 PM service along with any family. Families (and EVERYONE) encouraged to attend!

Sunday School: Due to Spring Break, there will be no Sunday School March 10 or 17 or youth groups. There will also be no Kirkwood Club on March 13.

Wall of Hope

The youth of FPC are hoping you will be a part of their newest fundraiser: where with your financial support, we can continue to focus on tearing down walls and not building them. There's a wall of envelopes in the back of the Sanctuary. Each envelope has a small note in it for you to keep of things our FPC youth have done and continue to do... but we need your help to keep going! To help, simply take an envelope, place the amount listed on it within it, and put it in the basket below. That's it! Now...let's tear down that wall in the back and build up our youth!



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, March 3, 2019

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

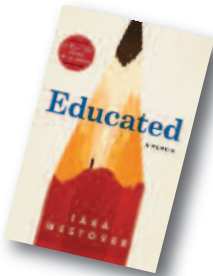
Tuesday, March 5, 5:00 PM

Shrove Tuesday is the name given to the day before Ash Wednesday. Sometimes it's called "Fat Tuesday" (not as cool a name as "Shrove"). Historically, it was the last day that any fat foods/products (thus pancakes and sausage) could be consumed before Lent, which was a period of 40 days of fasting and sacrifice, and began Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday. In New Orleans, Shrove Tuesday is the final day of Mardi Gras. The FPC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper has occurred at FPC every year since 2005. Come and enjoy a delicious hot pancake supper. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted. The meal is pancakes, sausages, applesauce, coffee and milk and is served from 5:00-6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.



Women's Non-Fiction Book Club - Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 PM

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll discuss *Educated* by Tara Westover. *Educated* is a memoir detailing a woman's isolated childhood in a survivalist family and her quest for knowledge in the wider world. Please join us! If you need a copy of the book, please contact Rev. Katie Styrt (styrt@fpcdavenport.org).



Ash Wednesday Services - March 6, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM



Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a day for fasting, a day for mourning for our sin and the sin of humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality saved for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more. It marks the beginning of our Lenten journey to remembering God's love for us in Jesus Christ. The season of Lent is a time to prepare for the celebration of redemption through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Lent 2019: Welcome Home

This Lent, our theme will be "Welcome Home." We'll preach a sermon series on the stories of coming home in scripture, and our children's programming will celebrate the joys of their church home. Children are also invited to give thanks for their blessings at home through collecting change for the One Great Hour of Sharing, which goes to Presbyterian missions around the world. Our church is undergoing large transitions this year. Let's take time during Lent to come back to our church home – to celebrate our talents, strengthen our connections to fellow members, and prepare our hearts for Christ's grace.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Family & Friends

Saturday, March 9, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a free four-hour seminar in the parlor, led by the national Alliance on Mental Illness. This seminar will inform people who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to support them. It's also an opportunity to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support. The seminar is led by trained instructors with lived experience of supporting a family member with a mental health condition. Register online at www.namigmv.org, or call 563-386-7477, Ext. 266 (10-2 M-F).

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, check KWQC or the call the church office (563-326-1691) — if there is no answer, the church is closed. If the church office is closed all activities are canceled. Individual events and activities can be canceled at the discretion of the leader of said event.

Session Highlights from February 18, 2019

- Rev. Katie Styr named Acting Executive in addition to serving as Associate Pastor.
- Thank you to Steve Arp and Doug Wells for their expertise and labor in selling a donated property. Proceeds were deposited in the Foundation Endowment Fund.
- Interim Pastor Search officially begins, as the Ministries Information Form (MIF) was approved by Presbytery on February 9, 2019.
- Session Minutes for meetings dated October 1, 2018 through December 17, 2018 were approved and are available to Congregation Members for reading at the church.
- Sound System Advisory Council formed to address technology needs in the Sanctuary.
- Personnel Committee, replacing the Church Government and Personnel Committee, description of duties is available.
- Presbytery has begun the Safe Gatherings Training Program for Pastors, with the goal of preventing exploitation and sexual abuse in congregations.
- Facilities Supervisor David Williams is on personal leave of absence.
- Single Services of Worship at 10:00 AM will be celebrated on July 14 (VBC Sunday), August 4 (Bix Sunday), December 1 (Advent Lessons and Carols), and December 29.

Personnel Committee Open Forum

Sunday, March 17, 10:00 AM

To foster open communication, the Personnel Committee will be available for church members to bring them any concerns they may have at 10:00 AM, Sunday, March 17, in the Parlor.

You're Invited to the Programming & Planning Meeting of FPC

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 PM

The next FPC programming, planning and calendarization meeting will be on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30-6:30 PM. Committees are now meeting to plan programming and events out for the year. Plans will be communicated to church leadership and the staff. The next FIRST PRESS (outlining the programming for June through August) will be published the end of May. Articles for that publication are due to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by May 1, 2019.

CELEBRATING HOPE

Calling All Artisans!

Sign Up Now for "Sharing Our Visions of Hope" Art Show

Sign up to participate in "Sharing Our Visions of Hope" Art Show at First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 19, 2019 in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (between worship services and following second service). No admission charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated; proceeds to support First Pres! More to come!

We want to share the talents of our congregation! A sign up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall. Please fill in your name and what item(s) you can display, for example: painting - etching, illustrating; sculpture - wire, origami; textiles - quilts, knitting, crocheting; spinning, weaving; woodworking, caning; photography; fashion design; poetry, novels.

This event will be advertised and open to the public. There will be a Children's Corner for budding artists. Questions? Please call Pat Cresap (563-449-8148) or Bill Hawthorne (563- 391-9971). Sponsored by the Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development Committee.

CARING FOR SELF & OTHERS

Food Pantry Collections for The Center

Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! In March, we are collecting spring cleaning items such as dish soap, cleaning spray, antibacterial wipes, and toilet bowl cleaner. 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).

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet March 12 from 6:30-8:00 PM in the church parlor. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting and the fellowship of lovely people, while creating gifts for others, please join us. Newcomers are welcome. Patterns and yarn are available. If you are unable to attend but would like to contribute to this ministry, you may bring finished items to the church office. Donations of yarn are also accepted. Questions? Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-4622; nancyotr97@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawls Available to Give: 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. 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.

Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, March 17, 12:00 PM

All those who sew or who would like to sew some simple dresses and shorts can join us on Sunday, March 17, in Fellowship Hall at 12:00 PM. 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.



Davenport Food Pantry - Tuesday, March 19, 4:00 PM

FPC will be volunteering at the Davenport Food Pantry at J. B. Young on Tuesday, March 19 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Please let Tiffany (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691) if you can be there!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

Today: Christian Titles - *Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, 10:10 AM, Room 306
During Lent, an adult study group will meet upstairs in room 306. The group will study "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes." Each week of this study focuses on Jesus in a different book of the Bible. You are welcome to drop in any week – this study requires no preparation, and there will be plenty of copies for all! If you'd like to purchase a study book, copies are \$8.

Today: Christian Topics - Davenport Alderman Rita Rawson, 10:10 AM, Von Maur Hall
As we consider our theme for Lent, "Coming Home", ACE presentations will focus on a theme of "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" We will explore topics pertinent to our neighborhood and the community in which we live. This week, Alderwoman Rita Rawson will talk about Urban Revitalization, with information on a group of volunteers working with youth to advance their skills over the summer. Come and see how you might help.

Bible Basics - Wednesdays, 6:15 PM, Parlor

Bible Basics will be IN RECESS on Ash Wednesday, March 6. For more information about Bible Basics, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314). Newcomers are always welcome!

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Pickleball! - Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00 AM

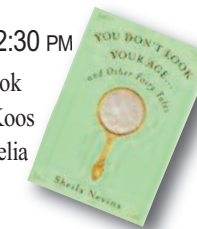
Is winter keeping you indoors? Do you want to get out and have some fun? Join us in the FPC gym from 9:00-11:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for play pickleball. If you haven't played before, or if you're an experienced player, come enjoy fun and fellowship! We have extra equipment for those just getting started. Please contact Diane Schroeder (563-326-5753) or David Fairweather (563-359-9712) for more information.

Manna & More Breakfast - Sunday, March 10, 8:15 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service from 8:15-10:30 AM on Sunday, March 10. Enjoy breakfast pizza, fruit and assorted beverages. Adults \$3, children (12 & under) \$1. Everyone is invited -- see you there!

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, March 18, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? All are welcome to join the BTC Book Club on Monday, March 18 at 12:30 PM in Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Bev Koos will lead our discussion of *You Don't Look Your Age and Other Fairy Tales* by Shelia Nevins. Please call hostess Carol Phoenix (563-332-0980) to R.S.V.P.



Socializers - Sunday, March 31, 12:00 PM

Join us for a potluck lunch on Sunday, March 31 at noon! For decades, the Socializers group has met for dinner and a speaker. However, evening attendance has been down. Please attend if you're interested in moving Socializers to a lunch activity. We will discuss the future of Socializers and potential upcoming speakers. New attendees are always welcome – the food is delicious!

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 Service of Choral Evensong for the Season of Lent

featuring the Chamber Chorale

Sunday, March 24, 7:30 PM

NOT TICKETED

Join the FPC Chamber Chorale for a Service of Chorale Evensong, programmed specially for the season of Lent. With its roots in the monastic offices of early Christianity, the Service of Evensong has become a deeply impactful service in churches across the US, Canada, and England. Sung portions of the liturgy include psalms, evening canticles, prayers, and choral anthems. A description from Coventry Cathedral in England, reads: "Evensong... is a very tiny fragment of something else: it is a fragment of the worship which is offered to God by Christian people every hour... in every part of the world. When you come to Evensong... it is as if you are dropping in on a conversation already in progress – a conversation between God and His people which began long before you were born and will go on long after you are dead. Evensong is drawn almost entirely from the Bible. Its primary purpose is to proclaim the wonderful works of God in history and in the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ." We invite you to mark the third Sunday of the forty-day journey of Lent with this special musical service.

