

FPC Calendar for the week of September 3 - 10, 2017

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

Sunday, September 3; Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - Outside/West Lawn (weather permitting)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday School Teachers Orientation - Von Maur Hall
- 5:30 PM Young Adults at Backwater Gamblers - Rock Island

Monday, September 4; Church Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 4:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Committee - Finance Office
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, September 6

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outside courts
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 6:00 PM Performing Arts Series: Ugandan Kids Choir Concert - Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, September 7

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
- 3:00 PM Compassion & Choices - Von Maur Hall
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Fireplace Room
- 5:30 PM Joint Budget Meeting - Von Maur Hall
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday, September 8

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outside courts

Saturday, September 9

- 8:30 AM "Women of Joy" Women's Retreat - Fellowship Hall, Von Maur Hall
- 8:30 AM Manna & More Meal Preparation - Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Sunday, September 10; Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:15 AM Manna & More - Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:00 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor of CE Building
- 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *Abiding with God as God Abides with Us* - Von Maur Hall
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Make-Up Sunday School Teachers Orientation - Von Maur Hall

Program Year Worship Times Begin September 10

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Sunday School Open House - Sunday, September 10, 10:00 AM

Grab a registration form in the back and sign your progeny on up. Sunday School Open House is September 10 from 10:10 - 10:45 AM for children to meet their teachers and Sunday School begins on September 17 at 10:10 AM on the third floor. Sunday School is for all youth age 4 through high school. Musikgarten which is for 3 year olds is on Sunday mornings at the same time as Sunday School.

ACT and EPIC Begin an Awesome Year Soon!



ACT and EPIC, our Middle and High School Youth Groups for 6th-12th grade, kicks off with a pizza party, ice cream social and games on Sunday, September 17 at 5:30 PM and goes until 7:00 PM. If able, parents will be needed to help sign up to provide dinners for the rest of the season...stay tuned for an email from Tiffany! We are going to have an awesome year!

Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 PM

Kirkwood Club, our elementary school youth group for children in first through fifth grade, will start again on Wednesday, September 20! Everyone is welcome to be part of this weekly fun and fellowship.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

ACE Von Maur Hall Series - Sundays, 10:00 AM

September 17 - Facing Fear: A Documentary by Jason Cohen

Fourteen Nazi Skinheads beat and kicked a gay 17 year old living on the streets of Los Angeles. Tim Zaal, the gang member who kicked the boy in the head and left him for dead, and Matthew Boger, the injured victim, accidentally meet 25 years later. This is an Oscar-nominated documentary about real persons and how they deal with the guilt and anger that surrounds them. Will there be sorrow and forgiveness? Is it even possible with the terrible memories that both have about the past?

September 24 - Tiffany Horvath and the youth of First Presbyterian Church will share experiences of their mission trip to Colorado.

October 1 - ACE in recess for Homecoming Sunday.

October 8 - *Voices of Muslim Women in the U.S. South*

Kent Schroder facilitates *Voices of Muslim Women in the U.S. South* Iowa Religious Media Services (IRMA) documentary. This class explores the Muslim culture through the lens of five University of Alabama Muslim students. How do they define a space for self-expression and negotiate their identities in a predominately Christian society that has unflattering views about Islam and Muslims?

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, September 3, 2017

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.

Last Day to Register for the Women's Retreat!



Rev. Becky David

Be a part of "Women of Joy!" Visit the Registration Table in Fellowship Hall between services today, or contact Pat Cresap (563-449-8148; cresaptwo@gmail.com), to sign up for the retreat which takes place **Saturday, September 9** from 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM here at FPC. We hope all women of the congregation can join us to share fellowship, renew friendships and grow within the church and community at FPC at our annual retreat. Childcare will be provided in the church nursery. This one-day event begins with a breakfast and includes lunch. There will be discussions, projects and joy! Our guest speaker, Rev. Becky David, grew up in Clinton, Iowa, and attended Loyola



University, Chicago, for her Master in Pastoral Studies and Master of Divinity degree. She is ordained in the United Church of Christ. She was the Director of Pastoral Care and Mission Officer for Genesis Health System and often presides in interim ministry. She provides coaching and consultation services to faith leaders and faith communities through Black Pearl Coaching, LLC. We're looking forward to having as many women as possible attend; the cost is \$30 per person. Visit the church website, fpcdavenport.org to pay online. Scholarships are available for those wishing to attend. Today, is the last day to register.

Orientations for Sunday School Teachers - Today, 10:00 AM

Sunday School Orientations for all Sunday School Teachers to learn our new curriculum will be today, at 10:00 AM in Von Maur Hall or Sunday, September 10, at 11:00 AM in Von Maur Hall. The orientations will last one hour.

Young Adults Kick Off: Backwater Gamblers! - Today, 5:30 PM



Our first Young Adults gathering of the season, for ages 21-50, is set for Sunday, September 3! We will meet along the Rock River, 5000 44th Street, Rock Island, at 5:30 PM to watch the Backwater Gamblers. This event is free and kids are definitely welcome! RSVP to Tiffany at horvath@fpcdavenport.org if you can make it.

Ugandan Kids Choir - Wednesday, September 6, 6:00 PM



The Ugandan Kids Choir will perform here at FPC Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM. The children in the choir bring a message of hope—sharing the power of God's love through traditional music and dance. As they tour the U.S., they delight audiences with their high-energy performances and infectious joy. Each choir is made up of sponsored children who come from the poorest



parts of Uganda. The children are chosen for their enthusiasm, ability, and dedication—all of which make them potential leaders when they return to their communities. They are eager to perform for you, and provide you an opportunity to help poor children around the world, put an end to poverty, hunger and corruption. The choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide, which has been dedicated to empowering children in the developing world since 1981. There is no charge to attend the concert, but a freewill offering will be taken.

ACE Von Maur Hall Series - Sunday, September 10, 10:00 AM

ACE kicks off the program year with a special presentation by Rev. Dr. Richard Miller in which he will share his doctoral dissertation, *Abiding with God as God Abides with Us*. Copies of the dissertation available in the church office; there is also a hardbound copy in the Library available for check out.



MUSIC MINISTRY

The Singing Choirs of First Presbyterian Church!



The choirs of First Presbyterian Church welcome you to join! Initial rehearsals in September are the best opportunities to JOIN A CHOIR! You may register online by visiting www.fpcdavenport.org/choirs.htm.

Sanctuary Choir - The adult Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM. The first rehearsal is September 7. A Labor Day weekend retreat starts the year.

Celebration Singers - The Celebration Singers is for older youth, incorporating sixth through twelfth grades. The first rehearsal is Sunday, September 24 from 4:45 PM to 5:30 PM.

Kirkwood Choir - All first through fifth graders will rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM. The first rehearsal is September 20. Fellowship will be from 6:30 PM to 7:15 PM. In addition to regular worship participation, this group will be preparing exciting anthems throughout the year.

Cecelian Carolers - Membership in this ensemble is selected from girls in grades six through twelve who are also participants in one of the youth choirs. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons from 4:00 PM to 4:45 PM, with the first rehearsal scheduled for September 17.

Cherub Choir - The Sunday School membership of four-year-olds and Kindergartners sing in the Cherub Choir. Rehearsals are Sunday mornings, beginning on September 17 at 10:00 AM.

QCSOMVIK Signature Series: "Reformation 500" - Saturday, October 21, 7:00 PM
FPC Chamber Chorale & Metropolis Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Chicago

Travel with the Sanctuary Choir!

The Sanctuary Choir invites you to travel with us to Germany from June 21 through July 1, 2018, on our first international outreach tour! There will be choir performances, sightseeing and an opportunity to serve Germany's growing refugee population, fulfilling our mission to, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Total cost of the trip per person is about \$3,400. An initial deposit of \$500 (refundable until September, 2017) is required. We have launched an ambitious fundraising plan with the goal of reducing the cost of the trip. We want this to be a congregation-wide project: some will travel, some will help raise funds, some may donate items to help the refugees, and many will pray. For more information, contact Director of Music Matt Bishop (bishop@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691).

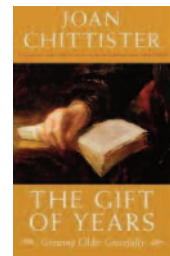


SMALL GROUP CONNECTION

Small Group Opportunity - Open to all, contact the facilitator listed to sign-up

The Gift of Years by Joan Chittister

Facilitator: Mark Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com)



Purpose: In this book, Joan Chittister, a highly regarded writer on spirituality, presents 40 short essays addressed to self-defined seniors or those wanting insights into the life of aging parents. While acknowledging the reality of aging bodies and changing relationships, the author writes encouragingly about the responsibilities, opportunities and fulfillment that comes with embracing this stage of life. Plan to read one short essay (4-5 pages) as a daily devotion and meet once a week for seven weeks as we progress through the book. The book is available on Amazon for \$10. The anticipated starting date for this Small Group is the first week of October, 2017. Sign-up by September 20.

Time: To be determined by the group; **Place:** FPC

CARING FOR SELF AND OTHERS

Urgent Request for Homework Helpers Volunteers!

Homework Helpers needs tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. Please consider volunteering one hour per week to help our Boys and Girls Club members. Contact Muffy Ellard (ellardmm@gmail.com/563-505-2292)



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

Attention crocheters and knitters...prayer shawls are symbolic of God's presence during our times of need, and the congregation's love and support. Anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting a shawl is invited to make a shawl and drop it off in the church office. The group meets monthly in the church parlor to socialize while we create. If you are unavailable to meet, feel free to contribute shawls as your time allows.

46th Annual CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday, October 1, 2:00 PM

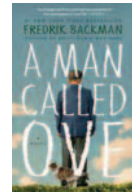
We meet at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport at 1:40 PM for our group photo. The six mile walk through Davenport and Rock Island begins at 2:00 PM. Of the money raised, 25 percent stays in the Quad Cities to benefit local hunger ministries, the rest goes to Church World Service to combat hunger and help with disaster relief around the world. Visit the CROP Walk table in Fellowship Hall between services every Sunday in September to register or sponsor walkers. You may also go to www.crophungerwalk.org/quadcities/Team/View/46454/First-Presbyterian-Church-Davenport to donate directly online at our CROP walk team page, or contact Jennifer Peters (641-799-3367; jen_agee@hotmail.com).

FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Breakfast at Manna and More - Sunday, September 10, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

Share a breakfast of egg and sausage casserole, a few pancakes, fruit, condiments and beverages, and enjoy fellowship with your family and friends, both old and new, before and after the 9:00 AM service. Please mark your calendar to join us the second Sunday of each month. Cost is \$3 adults and \$1 for children 12 and younger. We look forward to seeing you there!

Between The Covers Book Club - Monday, September 18, 12:30 PM



Our Between the Covers (BTC) book club is starting up again after summer break. Our first meeting will be Monday, September 18 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. Join us for dessert and a discussion of the book, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman, led by Marlene Gaston. Please call hostess Lynda Shawver, 563-324-9874, to RSVP. If you've been thinking about joining us but haven't had enough courage - this is the year!

FPC Travel Fellowship Old Fashioned Railroad Experience in Boone, IA Saturday, September 30, 8:00 AM

Our CDF Travel Fellowship has been partnering with Davenport's German American Heritage Center to provide affordable day trips. The following trip is open to our congregation and its friends. All registrations are handled by the German Center by calling 563-322-8844. We will depart Saturday, September 30 at 8:00 AM from the GAHC parking lot at 712 W. 2nd St., Davenport and will return at approximately 10:45 PM. Enjoy the Boone Scenic Valley Railroad & Museum, the James H. Andrew Railroad Museum, the Mamie Doud Eisenhower Birthplace, a round-trip train ride to an old coal mining town in a 1920's era coach class car, and a banquet-style dinner meal at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana Colonies. Participants must bring a sack lunch. Final reservation cut off is September 5, 2017. REGISTER NOW by calling 563-322-8844. \$140 GAHC Member, \$150 Non-member.

CARING FOR FPC

Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum

Sunday, September 17, 10:00 AM

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

New Member Inquiry - Sunday, September 17, 12:15 PM

The Hospitality and Welcoming Committee hosts New Member Inquiry events. If you are interested in membership, or just have questions about First Presbyterian Church, please contact Tammy Mayhew (mayhew@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691).

HOMECOMING

First Presbyterian Church Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, October 1, 12:00 PM

What: A traditional, annual event to honor church members who are 75 years old and more!

When: Sunday, October 1, at 12:00 PM (following Worship)

Where: Fellowship Hall, First Presbyterian Church

And then: A delicious luncheon will be served by Bridges Catering; amazing music will be played ~ entertainment will be provided by *The ChordBusters!*



Please join in sharing good conversation, good food and reconnecting, sustaining or finding new friendships. Questions? Concerns? Please contact Pat Cresap (563-449-8148; cresaptwo@gmail.com). To RSVP, please contact the church office, 563-326-1691.



Church Grounds Clean-up Day Saturday, October 28, 8:00 AM

You don't need a green thumb to help with this project! Here is an opportunity for productive fellowship and breakfast, too! On Saturday, October 28, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM, everyone in the congregation is invited to help tidy up the planting beds and lawns around the church building to get them ready for winter. If enough volunteers attend, the playground and family gardens can be worked on as well. The church will provide lawn bags for the yard waste and has a wheel barrow and small rolling carts for use. Here's what is needed from you... bring rakes for leaves and tools to cut back plants for the winter. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will provide a continental breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, donuts, juice, milk and coffee. Our custodian, Georgia Roberts, will serve as project manager and will be on hand to answer any questions or grab tools for your use. Please contact John Gere (john.gere1115@gmail.com) to RSVP if you would like to help or contact Shannon Gruhlke, Finance and Facilities Manager, at the church (gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, ext. 219) with questions.

Is it Time to Update Your Information?

Please contact the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691) so we can update the church database and stay connected if you have a new phone number or email address.