

FPC Calendar for the week of March 4 - 11, 2018

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

Sunday, March 4; *Third Sunday in Lent*

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor CE Building
10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
10:00 AM Church Government and Personnel Open Forum - Parlor
10:10 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - *Final Words from the Cross* - Von Maur Hall
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 - Choir Room
4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

Monday, March 5

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 CE Building
5:30 PM Salvation Army Meal Site Serving - offsite
6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105

Tuesday, March 6

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
3:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building
4:30 PM Buildings and Grounds Committee - Finance Office
6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - IN RECESS

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
1:00 PM Compassion and Choices - Parlor
2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105 CE Building
4:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
6:15 PM Matin Bells - Rehearsal - Chapel
6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall, Gym
7:15 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, March 8

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
3:00 PM Boys and Girls Club Homework Helpers - Room 304
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105 CE Building
5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
6:00 PM Vesper Bells - Chapel
6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

Friday, March 9

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, March 10

7:30 PM Performing Arts Series Concert - Tesla Quartet- Sanctuary

Sunday, March 11; *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

8:15 AM Manna and More - Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor CE Building
10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
10:10 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - *Final Words from the Cross* - Von Maur Hall
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 Organist Search Committee - Parlor
4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS
4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - IN RECESS

Spring Forward!

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, March 11. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 10 so you won't be late to church the next morning!

CONGREGATION NEWS

FPC Calls Rev. Katie Styr as Associate Pastor

At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 28, FPC members voted to call Rev. Katie Styr as Associate Pastor. Pastor . Katie, who grew up in Lincoln, Nebraska, attended the University of Chicago, where she met her husband, Philip, and got her Masters of Divinity from Louisville Theological Presbyterian Seminary. Currently, Philip teaches composition to college freshmen while Katie serves as a part-time associate pastor and a part-time solo pastor at two churches in Rochester, New York. Katie's favorite part of ministry is usually sharing communion, although mission trips are a close second. Her planned start date is the end of April.



Chancel Guild Announces Changes in Chancel Flower Sign Up Procedures

The Chancel Guild would like to announce procedures for members of the congregation to order flowers. A sign up calendar will be in Fellowship Hall. Choose your date, then sign your name and telephone along with a list of instructions about the new sign up method.

Finance Office Volunteers

The Finance Office is looking for one or two additional volunteers to count the week's pledges and offerings. The sorting/counting is on Tuesday mornings and starts around 10:00 AM and is usually finished no later than 11:00 AM. Would you like to be part of a fun-filled ministry? If you are interested, please contact Shannon Gruhlke at 563.326.1691 or gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org.

SESSION NEWS

Session Highlights of February 19, 2018:

- Approved a balanced budget for 2018 due to the dedication and support of the Congregation and Staff.
- Summer Programming and Planning meeting is set for Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 PM in the Parlor.
- A task force to be formed for the purpose of Worship Service evaluation and recommendations for changes in the Fall of 2018.
- There's a sweatshirt and T-shirt sale in progress to benefit the Youth Mission Fund.
- A children's book sale was approved to benefit the Mission component of the Music and Worship Outreach Tour to Germany.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, March 4, 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.

Per Capita - \$34 per member

Each year First Church is assessed a per capita contribution by the Presbytery. This year it is \$34 per member. A member is one who has been confirmed or has been welcomed into the congregation by confession of faith, letter of transfer, or reaffirmation of faith. Please use a Per Capita envelope from the pew racks and place it in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or pay online.

Church Government and Personnel Open Forum - Today, 10:00 AM

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

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 Roen Paulsen (563-355-3165) for questions regarding this outreach project.

Bible Basics - Wednesday, March 7, 6:15 PM

Daniel, Part 1: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego

This class is designed for those wanting to revisit many of our favorite childhood Sunday school stories or even hear about them for the first time. Newcomers are always welcome. The discussion on March 7 will be on Daniel, chapters 1-3 which tell the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com, 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com, 563-359-6607).

QCA Visiting Artist Series: Tesla Quartet - Saturday, March 10, 7:30 PM

Praised for their "superb capacity to find the inner heart of everything they play, regardless of era, style or technical demand" (*The International Review of Music*), the Tesla Quartet brings refinement and prowess to both new and established repertoire. Dubbed "technically superb" by *The Strad*, the Tesla Quartet recently took Second Prize as well as the Haydn Prize and Canadian Commission Prize at the 12th Banff String Quartet Competition. The Quartet has also garnered top prizes at numerous other international competitions, including the Gold Medal at the 2012 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 students.



Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, March 11, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service. This month there will be waffles, apple compote, sausage, fruit and assorted beverages. Adults - \$3, children (12 & under) - \$1.

Candy and Trinkets Needed!

Our annual Easter Egg-stravaganza is set for Saturday, March 24 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM and we are in need of donations of candy and small toys to fill over 1,000 eggs. We will be collecting donations for egg filling for the next two Sundays in a bin in the Narthex...if you can donate ANYTHING, it would be so appreciated! Thank you!



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

Thursday, March 22, 5:30 PM

The next FPC programming, planning and calendarization meeting will be on Thursday, March 22 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 theme is *Splash!* (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 April 15, 2018.

CARING FOR FPC & OUR COMMUNITY

Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday

Please bring non-perishable donations to church on Sunday mornings for delivery to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry at *The Center*. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark your check or giving envelope "Food Pantry". You may also bring your contribution to the church office through the week.

Grant Funds Available - The Deacons' Endowment Fund

The Deacons' Endowment Fund (DEF) was established to help groups and organizations within the First Presbyterian Church and the church community that are developing new mission and outreach programs by providing seed money in the form of matching grants. The DEF grants are designated to help defray the start-up cost of new projects or programs according to guidelines established by the Board of Deacons. To apply for a grant, an application form must be completed and submitted for consideration by the Deacons Endowment Fund Review Board. The maximum grant that can be awarded is \$5,000. **The grant application process will be open for the period March 15 - May 15, 2018.** Grant recommendations will be subject to approval by the Board of Deacons in their July Meeting. If you have questions about DEF grants or applications, information is available through the church office, at the Welcome Desk, the Deacons' Corner, the church's website at www.fpcdavenport.org, or from Brock Earnhardt (brockearnhardt@hotmail.com; 563-343-6304).

Volunteers Needed!

The Deacons Outreach Committee Needs your help! We need volunteers to shop, cook, serve and clean-up on Wednesday evenings through May for the Boys and Girls Club Meal. We recommend three to four people per evening. If interested, call or email Muffy Ellard (563-505-2292; ellardmm@gmail.com).



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We also need volunteers willing to shop for and cook the Salvation Army Meal on a permanent basis. Two volunteers have been cooking the meal and would appreciate help! They need four volunteers (two each group) to split the duties for the year. Same menu each month (first Monday of the month). Call or email Muffy Ellard (563-505-2292; ellardmm@gmail.com) to help.

Boys and Girls Club Homework Helpers needed! Please consider volunteering an hour each week (Tuesday or Thursday, 3:00-4:00 PM) to tutor children from the Boys and Girls Club. The rewards are many! Please call or email Debbie Keenan (815-621-8009; dkeenan0912@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 PM

Crocheters and knitters...prayer shawls are symbolic of God's presence during our times of need, and the congregation's love and support. Come join us in the church parlor to socialize while we create shawls!

Kids Against Hunger - Coming Again in April!

The annual Kids Against Hunger drive at First Pres will be held April 8-11, involving an assembly line to bag a special blend of rice, soy, dried vegetables and vitamins for delivery to a coordinating organization in a foreign country. Each bag, when cooked with boiling water, will provide six servings to a family in need. Sign-ups for packaging sessions will be held between services beginning March 18. This is an ideal opportunity to gather your family or invite your neighbor to participate in FPC mission. The cost to participate is \$30 per person, but scholarships are available for those who cannot afford the fee. And if you are unable to attend, please consider donating for someone else to participate. For more information, contact Craig Foster (563-391-4622; cfoster871@mchsi.com).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

March 4, 11, 18 - *Final Words from the Cross*

This series examines Christ's dying hours and his final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross. It's an inspiring way to deepen our faith during Lent.



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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

ACT and EPIC - Today, 5:30 PM

This afternoon, we will be watching *God's Not Dead* and stuffing Easter eggs! Anyone in 6th-12th is welcome to come join us!

Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, March 7, 6:30 PM

Kirkwood Club will be doing an "Invention Convention" on Wednesday...come and see what you can invent if you are in 1st-5th grade.

Last Day to Order Your FPC T-shirt or Sweatshirt!



This is our last day to take orders for FPC logo shirts and sweatshirts! Please consider ordering one for every person in your family, and your neighbors as well, to support this youth group fundraiser. Everyone is going to want one—they are that cool! There is a sign up sheet in the narthex where you can place your order.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Gift Card Sales Table - Today

Participate in this stress-free fundraiser for the Sanctuary Choir's June 2018 Music Outreach trip to Germany. Gift cards make perfect, easy, and convenient gifts. We have cards ready for purchase to many retailers and can order gift cards to hundreds more retailers easily.

Musikgarten - Today, 10:20 AM

Classes are a musical experience designed to bring the joy of music to parent/caregiver and children, infants through age three. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (middleton@fpcdavenport.org, 563-505-0471).

Books for Refugee Children

The Music Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a fundraiser through Barefoot Books, a publisher of children's books with themes of mindfulness, diversity, and inclusivity, to raise money for the purchase and delivery of multi-lingual books for refugee children the choir will be visiting in Germany. Kristena Downing, who is a sales representative for the company, will be in the Fellowship Hall between services during the month of March to sale books or collect donations, and to provide you with more information about this outreach program. Please consider helping to provide educational books to refugee families.

Ahreum Han Congdon's CD Now Available!

We are pleased to announce the release of Ahreum Han Congdon's long-awaited first professional recording, *Orpheus in the Underworld: Dances, Spirits, Toccatas, Sonatas, and a Transcription for Organ*. The recording is also the first to highlight FPC's magnificent Casavant organ. The CD is on sale through the church for \$20. Please contact Jane Magnusson in the office to purchase your copy.



FELLOWSHIP

First Night Out - Saturday, March 17, 5:30 PM

First Night out is having a potluck and playing "Crazy Bridge" on Saturday, March 17. We will meet in Fellowship Hall, from 5:30 - 9:30 PM. Plan to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Water, pop and table service provided. Please use the West elevator doors. RSVP to Mariann and Matt Kabel (563-386-4298).

Between The Covers (BTC) Book Club

Monday, March 19, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? Join the BTC book club on Monday, March 19 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Lois Boyer will lead our discussion of the book, *Lilac Girls*, by Martha Hall Kelly. Please call hostess Lois Boyer (563-514-3094) to RSVP.



Tiffany Window Immersion Tour to Dubuque - Sign Up Today!

Saturday, March 24, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Today, committee members will be available to answer your questions, accept payment and hold your spot! This is a perfect opportunity to invite friends to enjoy fellowship with our church members!

We start the morning with a coach tour of historic Dubuque led by a professional guide from Travel Dubuque. This will be followed by a guided tour of St. Luke's Methodist, home to the fifth largest collection of Tiffany Windows in the United States, where our docent will share the significance of its Tiffany treasures. Following our church tour, we plan to sample wine at the Stone Cliff Winery (www.stonecliffwinery.com), after which we will have our lunch break. If time permits group members will have time to explore downtown before heading back to the Quad Cities. Register on the church website (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, March 16 or when the tour is filled.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast - Saturday, April 7, 8:30 AM

RIVER BANDITS! Ever wonder what makes the River Bandits one of the most successful baseball franchises in the country? How do they break national attendance records week after week? Winning the 2017 Midwest League Championship was not their first win! Want to know how they give back to the community and about their successful scholarship program? Come join us Saturday, April 7 at 8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall for a homemade breakfast for \$5. Please contact the church office to sign up. If you have questions, please call Terry Ousley at 563-344-0845.

Easter Flowers 2018



The chancel will reflect the joy of the season with many beautiful spring plants in memory or honor of loved ones. If you wish to order a plant, complete this form indicating how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin, and place the slip, with your donation check, in the offering plate, or deliver it to the church office, **no later than Sunday, March 25.**

Easter Flowers 2018

In memory or in honor of: (circle one)

Given by:
