

In loving memory of **Ken and Joan McKay**, given by their family.

In loving memory of **Howard Meadors, Sr., Howard Meadors, Jr., Eileen Meadors, and Robert Meadors**, given by Linda Meadors.

In loving memory of **Raymond and Edith Melby, Chester and Arlene Rauch, and Gregg Rauch**, given by Barbara Melby and Julie and Jeff Hogenson.

In loving memory of **Mom, and all of our loved ones who have gone before us**, given by Sarah and Greg Soenksen.

In loving memory of **Leo and Juanita Oswald, and Aloysius Sodawasser**, given by Erin and Ian Sodawasser and Kristine Oswald.

In loving memory of **our families**, given by John and Phyllis Affre.

In honor of **our family** given by Sue and Tom Ervin.

In loving memory of **our loved ones who have gone on to meet our God**, given by the Boxler, Burkle, Courbat, and Schalk families.

In loving memory of **our parents**, given by Charles and Barbara Pekios.

In loving memory of **Terry and June Ousley**, given by Terry, Teresa, Tanner and Jaxson Ousley.

In loving memory of her **parents**, given by Sara Turner.

In loving memory of their **parents**, and the blessing of **their children and grandchildren**, given by Dick and Bev Koos.

In loving memory of our grandmother and mother **Lola Paulsen** and daughter and sister **Rachel D'Auben**, given by, Pam Paulsen, and Mike and Aislinn Chambers.

In loving memory of **John Phoenix, and Ruth and Harold Pedigo**, given by Carol Phoenix.

In loving memory of **Robert Rensberger, and Elaine and Charles Rensberger**, given by Ruth Rensberger.

In loving memory of **Kyle Roseman**, given by Brian and Heather Roseman.

In loving memory of **Lois Ruebling**, given by Ralph Ruebling.

In loving memory of **Gregg Sothmann, and Charles and Elaine Rensberger**, given by Patti Southmann and Mike and Joanne Rensberger.

In loving memory of our niece, **Mary Sperry**, and **our grandparents**, given by Jerry and Bonnie VanLoon.

In loving memory of **Benjamin P., Marion, and Joel Steckel**, and **Darrell Orman**, given by Jed Steckel and Melanie Steckel families.

In loving memory of **Bob Sutherland**, and **Emily Jacobsmeier**, given by the Jacobsmeier family.

In loving memory of **Mildred and Q Wallace, John Bates, and Ruth and Harvey Bates**, given by Jo and Greg Bates.

In loving memory of **Jean Youngberg, and Mary Gruehl**, given by the Stafford family.

FPC Calendar for the week of January 7 - 14, 2018

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

Sunday, January 7; *Baptism of the Lord, Installation and Ordination of Church Officers*

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series: *When Christians Get It Wrong* - Von Maur Hall
10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
10:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - IN RECESS
10:20 AM Musikgarten - Infants through Three Year Olds - IN RECESS
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Tabitha's Circle - Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM Chancel Guild Annual Meeting & Christmas Decor Removal - Parlor, Sanctuary
4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - IN RECESS
4:45 PM Celebration Singers - IN RECESS
5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship - IN RECESS

Monday, January 8

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building
5:30 PM Deacons' Executive Committee - Von Maur Hall
6:30 PM Deacons' Outreach - Fellowship Hall
6:30 PM Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development - Parlor
7:00 PM Mission Connection - Von Maur Hall
7:30 PM Board of Deacons - Von Maur Hall

Tuesday, January 9

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
5:00 PM Finance Meeting - Finance Office
6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Parlor
6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
12:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM Compassion & Choices - Parlor
3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Third Floor CE Building
5:45 PM Kirkwood Choir - Choir Room
6:00 PM Matin Bells - Rehearsal - IN RECESS
6:30 PM Kirkwood Club - Von Maur Hall/Gym
6:30 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
7:15 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - IN RECESS

Thursday, January 11

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 - Third Floor 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, January 12

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, January 13

No Scheduled Church Activities

Sunday, January 14; *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

8:15 AM Manna & More - Fellowship Hall
9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:00 AM Cherub Choir - Third Floor CE Building
10:00 AM ACE Von Maur Hall Series - 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
4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
5:30 PM ACT and EPIC Fellowship Dinner, Star Wars - Von Maur Hall

FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, January 7, 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.

The Season of Epiphany, the Season of Light

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.

An excerpt from the Companion to the Book of Common Worship (Geneva Press, 2003, 94-95):

Christmas marks the coming of God to us; Epiphany celebrates the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity. The Christmas stories of the birth of Immanuel declare the divine entry; Epiphany extols the revelation of God to the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In our celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany we rejoice in the dawning and the arising of Light in darkness. Epiphany not only discloses the Savior to the world but also calls the world to show forth Christ, to be witnesses to God's true Light. The timeless mystery of the incarnation, God in flesh, leads us forth to show and tell of Christ as God's gift of grace and salvation for all persons. Some call this ongoing epiphany the work of Christmas.

Prayer for Epiphany: God of endless light, you sent a star — rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus Christ our light. - Matthew 2:1-12

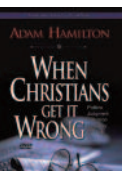


ACE Von Maur Hall Series - Today, 10:00 AM

***When Christians Get It Wrong!:* "When Christians are Unchristian"**

When people talk about the problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors that Christians practice in a judgmental way.

What do young adults (atheists, agnostics and non-attenders) believe are our greatest wrongs that *have pushed them away from church involvement?* Please join us for *When Christians Are Unchristian*, the first in a four-part video series. This is a chance to share thoughts and opinions as we discuss each DVD presentation



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.

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, January 9, 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. The group meets monthly in the church parlor to socialize while we create and anyone with an interest in knitting or crocheting a shawl is invited.

Bible Basics - Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 PM

Have you let your Bible knowledge lapse a bit? This group hopes to help that. On Wednesdays, beginning January 10 we will start out by looking at familiar stories & characters we may have learned about as a child in Sunday school but maybe haven't read since, for example, Ruth, Daniel, Jonah and John the Baptist. No prior Bible study experience is necessary. After the first few meetings, the group will decide together what it wants to study next. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com, 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com, 563-359-6607).

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank all those who through their donations made it possible to beautify the sanctuary of First Church this Christmas season. After worship services on Sunday, January 7, donating families may pick up a plant.



MISSION CONNECTION

Visit From Pastor Pilar

Saturday, January 13, 5:30 PM, at Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport

Pastor Jose Pilar Alvarez Caberer, from our mission partner ILUGUA in Guatemala, will be visiting the Quad-Cities from January 12 -19. (Yes, he is willing to brave the cold!) A special gathering will be held NEXT SATURDAY EVENING, January 13, at Grace Lutheran Church, 1140 E. High St., Davenport. Pilar will be preaching at Grace's 5:30 PM service, then will give a presentation after the service (approximately 6:30 PM) to discuss ILUGUA's programs, show photos and answer questions. Heavy appetizers will be served following the presentation. FPC members are welcome to attend the service and/or the presentation to follow.

Go to Guatemala!

The 2018 trip to visit ILUGUA (Lutheran Church of Guatemala) is scheduled for May 19-26. This is an opportunity to get a firsthand view of ILUGUA's outreach to rural communities and perhaps even an opportunity to deepen your own faith in the process. Pastors Pilar and Eduardo will welcome us as we stay in the the guest house located behind the church and travel to mission sites and community meetings. This is not a work trip—given the resources, Guatemalans are more than capable of doing physical labor—but rather a trip of accompaniment, support and solidarity with our fellow Christians. The total cost is estimated between \$1,500 and \$2,000 (dependent on flight availability) but a grant fund is available through the Mission Connection committee of Deacons for those who need funding assistance. For more information, contact Craig Foster (563-391-4622, cfoster871@mchsi.com).



STEWARDSHIP

Listen for God When You Pledge

As you consider your pledge for 2018, please remember that our pledges are not just numbers on a page; they are testimony to our willingness to listen for God and to do God's work in the world. We have encouraged you to Listen for God when you worship, when you sing, when you pray, and even when you pledge. With your pledge, we can continue to enhance and expand our ministries to the congregation, the neighborhood, and the world beyond, as we discern God's will for us, and as we discern Christ's hopes for us. You may place your pledge in the offering plate on Sunday morning or online pledging and giving can be set-up by visiting the church website at: www.fpcdavenport.org.

CONGREGATION NEWS

Session Highlights of December 18, 2017:

- APNC announced they have selected an Associate Pastor to present to the Congregation. This person **will preach on Sunday January 28, 2018, in a single worship service at 9:00 AM**. There will be a **Congregational Meeting at 9:50 AM, following** the worship service to allow for members to vote on this Call to Ministry with us. Watch for further details regarding a reception and informal gathering to be scheduled that weekend.
- Mission Connection is planning a Guatemala Trip for May 19-26, 2018. Congregation members are invited to participate.
- Tiffany Horvath received Session Approval to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder Applicant.
- The stewardship campaign continues. Please submit your pledges to support our 2018 ministries together. The proposed budget is not yet fully funded.
- The annuals trivia night to support youth mission is scheduled for February 10, 2018.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Kirkwood Club - Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 PM



Kirkwood Club starts again this Wednesday, January 10, with our annual Snowball Fight in the gym! Remember to wear close-toed shoes. Kirkwood Club, is for youth in first through fifth grades and begins after Kirkwood Choir, at 6:30 PM and concludes at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!!

ACT and EPIC - Sunday, January 14, 5:30 PM

Middle and High School Youth Group will meet up again next Sunday January 14, for our annual Star Wars movie night! We will meet for a pizza dinner at 5:30 PM (after choir) and head to the theater after. RSVP's are needed for this since we must purchase tickets ahead of time. Adult drivers still needed...



Food Pantry Volunteers - Tuesday, January 23, 4:00 - 8:00 PM



Our next date to volunteer at the Davenport Food Pantry is Tuesday, January 23 from 4:00-8:00 PM. We have 20 volunteer spots to fill: please let Tiffany know if you would like to attend. This is open to anyone who wants to participate. Training is from 4:00-4:30 PM and then the doors open to the community.

FELLOWSHIP

Manna and More Breakfast - Sunday, January 14, 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 biscuits and gravy, pancakes, seasonal fruit, and assorted beverages. Adults - \$3, children (12 & under) - \$1.

Between The Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, January 15, 12:30 PM

Join us for dessert and a discussion of *The Beautiful Mystery* by Louise Perry led by Carlen Brinser. We will meet Monday, January 15 at 12:30 PM at Ridgecrest Village. Please call hostess Marilyn LeBuhn (563-388-3545) to RSVP.

Young Adults Favorite Things Party - Friday, January 26, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Our January Young Adults gathering will be a Favorite Things Party! Dinner will be a soup/chili cook off with new and fantastic prizes awarded to the winners...everyone is encouraged to bring a pot/kettle/crock pot of something and let us sample and gorge and vote. The Favorite Things part is a blast (this is our fourth year doing it): everyone brings 5 of the same thing that they like—new and wrapped up individually so that we cannot see what it is. Please keep the cost under \$5 per individual item (think fave candy, or hot chocolate, or lip balm, etc). Your items will all be assigned the same number when you arrive and everyone will select 5 random different numbers and subsequently collect the items that correspond to those numbers. We will open them one at a time, and each person can explain what their favorite thing is. This is a great way for us to get to know each other better and laugh a lot.

The poinsettias that grace the chancel and surround the Nativity figures in the narthex are given in memory or in honor of the following loved ones who are held in grateful affection.



In loving memory of **Binc and Jean Bawden**, given by Ron and Susie Kardel.

In loving memory of **K. C. Griesenbeck**, given by Sue and Tom Ervin.

In loving memory of **J. "Tim" Bawden**, given by his family.

In loving honor of our grandchildren: **Maren, Benjamin and Kirsten Edwards; Emma and Chloe Tasse; Jackson, Addie and Asher Haverkamp; and Lexi and Elaina Haverkamp**, given by Lynnell and Alan Haverkamp.

In loving memory of **Marjorie and Gaylord Brunton**, and **Pat and John Emerick**, given by the Emerick Family.

In loving memory of **Judy Carr, Frances McIntosh, Rose Midage, and Stacey Larsen**, given by the Carr family.

In loving memory of **Lee and Alma Hoehn, Sam and Rose Grammatico, and Thomas and Johnny Farnsworth**, given by Joann Farnsworth and Don Hoehn.

In loving memory of **Betty Dalby**, given by Tiffany, Tony and Aly Horvath.

In honor of **Sean Jacobsmeier**, given by Theresa, Benny, David and Ali.

In loving memory of **Bud and Lorrie Darland**, given by Theresa, Benny, David and Alice Jacobsmeier and Dianna Darland.

In loving memory of **Christine Johnson, and Kathy Price**, given by Brian, Kathlynn, Aidan and Keian Price.

In loving memory of **Robert and Helen Elmergreen, and Mary Jo Elmergreen Peters**, given by their daughter and sister.

In loving memory of **Thomas and Mary Kalshoven**, given by Karen and Wayne Hean and family.

In loving memory of **Roger W. Emeis**, given by Janie.

In loving memory of **Leslie Keith, Martha Lou Fisher, and Ellwyn Louis Henry Schwanz**, given Randy and Kelley Schwanz and family.

In loving memory of **K. C. Ervin Griesenbeck**, given by Sanctuary Choir friends.

In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kinney, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lamb**, given Rob and Kathy Lamb.

In loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Francis Florang**, given by their son, Jim Florang.

In loving memory of **Eleanor and Curtis Ford, and Neva and Ralph Martens**, given by Pamela Ford and Marvin Martens.

In loving memory of **Corky Kress**, given by the Kress and Cartellone families.

In loving memory of **Forest and Beulah Fowler, Bruce Darland, and Dorthea and Vernell Browne**, given by Dianna Darland and the Jacobsmeier family.

In loving memory of **Merle H. Lang**, given by Bonnie Lang.

In loving memory of **Robert Francois, Sr.**, given by wife, Mary Ann and family.

In loving memory of **Alice and Alfred Magnusson, and Don Magnusson**, given by Jane Magnusson.

In loving memory of **Robert J. Martin**, given by his wife and brother.