

FPC Calendar for the Week of October 7 - 14, 2018

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

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 - Narthex
 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?* - Von Maur Hall
 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Topics - IN RECESS
 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
 1:45 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

Monday, October 8

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
 5:30 PM Deacons' Executive Committee - Von Maur Hall
 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Room 105
 6:30 PM Deacons' Outreach - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 PM Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development - Parlor
 7:00 PM Mission Connection - Von Maur Hall
 7:00 PM Special Session Meeting - Fireplace Room
 7:30 PM Board of Deacons - Von Maur Hall
 7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

Tuesday, October 9

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
 4:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee - Von Maur Hall
 5:00 PM Finance Meeting - Parlor
 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Parlor

Wednesday, October 10

8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Tiffany McClure's Office
 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 10:00 AM Women of Hope Bible Study - Von Maur Hall
 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 1:00 PM Medical Aid in Dying - Parlor
 2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 304
 5:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - IN RECESS
 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 11

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
 5:30 PM Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting - Parlor
 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, October 12

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym

Saturday, October 13 - No Scheduled Church Events

Sunday, October 14; Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

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 St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - IN RECESS
 10:00 AM ACE: Christian Titles - *Jesus' Priority: What Matters Most?* - Room 306
 10:10 AM ACE: Christian Topics - *Introduction to Alex Gilson* - 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
 3:00 PM Congregational Information Meeting - Sanctuary
 4:00 PM Cecelian Carolers - Choir Room
 4:45 PM Celebration Singers - Choir Room
 5:30 PM High School (ACT) and Middle School (EPIC) - Von Maur Hall, Rooms 301-302

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 (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



PAS Presents QCA Visiting Artists: Gaudete Brass

Saturday, October 27, 7:30 PM

\$15 adult & \$10 student, *included in benefactor and series packets*



Since 2004, the Gaudete Brass Quintet has committed itself to presenting serious brass chamber music through compelling concerts, commissioning new works, and adventurous recordings. The group has engaged in live performances at venues such as Merkin Hall and Symphony Space in New York City and Millennium Park in Chicago, commissioned new works from noted composers such as David Sampson, Jonathan Newman, John Cheetham, Steven Bryant and Stacy Garrop, and appeared on radio broadcasts on WFMT in Chicago and Nashville Public Radio. While keeping this rigorous performance schedule, Gaudete has recorded three albums: *Brass Outings* (2006), winner of the CDBaby Editors' Choice distinction and nominee for Just Plain Folks Best Classical Chamber Album; *Conversations in Time* with organist R. Benjamin Dobey (2011, Pro Organa); and *Chicago Moves*, produced by Grammy Award winner Judith Sherman and featuring several of its commissioned works (2012, Cedille Records). The quintet has also presented educational programs and concerts at prominent institutions including The Julliard School, Eastman School of Music, and Arizona State University. In the fall of 2013 the GBQ joined Roosevelt University's Chicago College of Performing Arts faculty as ensemble-in-residence. This concert is presented in Partnership with Quad City Arts Visiting Artist Series.



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, October 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.

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.

Homecoming Sunday - Today, 11:00 AM service, luncheon to follow

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. All FPC members 75 or older will be enthusiastically welcomed to the luncheon today even without having made a reservation.



CROP Walk - Today, 2:00 PM

CROP Walk is a six mile, bi-state event benefitting local hunger ministries as well as international hunger, poverty and disaster relief. The FPC Team will meet at the Freight House at 1:30 PM. Help fight hunger! Donations can be made by marking "CROP walk" on the memo line of your check and placing it in the offering plate.

"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.

Manna & More Breakfast - Sunday, October 14, 8:15 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, October 14. From 8:15 - 10:30 AM, 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. Everyone is invited -- see you there!



Congregational Information Meeting

Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Dear fellow members of First Presbyterian Church,

The Session of First Presbyterian Church must inform you that the relationship between head of staff Rev. Dr. Richard Miller and First Presbyterian Church of Davenport, Iowa, was dissolved effective October 1, 2018.

On October 14, 2018, at 3:00 PM, there will be a congregational information meeting moderated by the Ministers and Congregation Committee (MCC) of The Presbytery of East Iowa. At that congregational meeting, presbytery will welcome your questions.

We encourage everyone to attend this meeting as we move into the future with open communication and shared ministry.

Sincerely, The Session of First Presbyterian Church

MISSION & OUTREACH

Peace is Active, Not Passive. Peace is Doing, Not Waiting

Sometimes it feels the world is coming at us so quickly that we don't know which way to turn, where to look, what to do next. So many needs, so many problems, so much chaos. As individuals, we may feel that we cannot do anything to solve the problems we see. Together, however, we can make a difference. Together we can be active peacemakers -- at all times, in all ways. The Peace and Global Witness Offering gives us the opportunity to make a direct impact, to bring change, to make a difference.

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 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 have 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. Information and applications are available through the church office, Welcome Desk, Deacons' Corner, website (fpcdavenport.org/def.htm).

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

Today: *What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian* - Von Maur Hall
Book study, *What's The Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian*. This will be an introduction covering an overview of what Christians DON'T need to believe.

Bible Basics: *The Prophet Elijah* - Wednesday, October 10, 6:15 PM

Most people recognize the name of Elijah. But, do you know his story? For October 10, read 1 King, Chapters 17, 18, 19, 21 and 2 Kings, Chapter 1 and 2:1-15. We will also look at a few Elijah references in the New Testament. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607).

CARING FOR OTHERS

PSST (Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday) - October 9, 6:30 PM

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of FPC meets the second Tuesday of each month. The group knits/crochets prayer shawls for the congregation and hats, sweaters, and blankets for the Knit for Kids. If you enjoy the fellowship of lovely people, while creating gifts for others, please join us. Those with beginner skills are welcome. The patterns are not hard. Questions? Contact Karla Jones (563-332-9314; mkjones@mchsi.com) or Nancy Foster (563-391-2038; nancyotr97@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawls Available!

We 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 on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary, on the coat racks in Fellowship Hall and near the main office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

ACT (high school) & EPIC (middle school) Youth Groups - Today, 1:45 PM

EPIC and ACT are going to meet today at 1:45 PM at Modern Woodman Stadium to participate in the CROP Walk. All are welcomed!

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

This Wednesday, October 10, we are going to play Poor Little Kitten, a fun and active game, in the gym. Invite your friends -- KW Club is open to everyone!



Fall Fest - Sunday, October 28, 4:00 PM

Mark your calendars now for our annual Fall Fest Celebration at FPC! Donations of candy and small prizes are actively sought for this fun event, which typically brings in over 100 youth from the church and surrounding community. Volunteers are also needed -- and trust me: this is an amazing way to share God's love and joy with the children around us!

► Contact Pastor Tiffany McClure (mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) for more information about CEFY.

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.

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.

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



Rev. Jerome Bizimana

Every year, the Presbyterian Church (USA) offers trips around the world to learn and worship with other Christians. This fall, Rev. Jerome Bizimana came to share his experiences as a Christian in Rawanda. 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Give Thanks

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.

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

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, October 15, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? Join the BTC Book Club on Monday, October 15 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Sue Wagschal will lead our discussion of *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles. Please call hostess Sue Wagschal (563-563-6660) to R.S.V.P.

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 vary from picnics, to a ball game, to whatever is of interest to the group. On October 21, there will be a lunch in Von Maur Hall for those who wish to participate. The cost of the lunch is \$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 and meeting new church friends. 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.

Tiffany Window Immersion & Wine Tasting Tour in Dubuque

Saturday, October 27, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



Join our Travel Fellowship to St. Luke's Methodist Church in Dubuque, home to the fifth largest collection of Tiffany Windows in the United States, and enjoy fall colors along the Mississippi River too. We start the day with a coach tour of historic Dubuque. This will be followed by a guided tour of St. Luke's Methodist where our docent will share the significance of its many Tiffany treasures. After our church tour, we will sample wine at the Stone Cliff Winery with some pizza. If time permits group members will have time to explore downtown. Invite your friends who might be interested in FPC as their new church home to join you. 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. Linda Meadors (309-912-4888) will be able to answer questions. Confirmation letters will be mailed in advance of the tour. Final date to register is Friday, October 19 or when tour is filled.