

FPC Calendar for the week of July 8 - 15, 2018

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

Sunday, July 8; Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Battle Hymn Sunday

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - outside, west parking lot
- 9:15 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, July 9

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 5:30 PM Deacons Executive Committee - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Deacons' Outreach - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development - IN RECESS
- 7:00 PM Mission Connection - IN RECESS
- 7:30 PM Board of Deacons - IN RECESS
- 7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - IN RECESS

Tuesday, July 10

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 5:00 PM Finance Meeting - Finance Office
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym

Wednesday, July 11

- 8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Richar Miller's Officer
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 1:00 PM Medical Aid in Dying - Parlor
- 2:00 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner (meal served at 4:00) - Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 PM Bible Basics - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, July 12

- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 4:00 PM Church Government & Personnel Committee Meeting - Richard Miller's Office
- 5:30 PM Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting - Finance Office
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
- 6:15 PM Worship Task Force - Parlor
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
- ??:?? PM First Night Out: Muisic Guild - *A Chorue Line*

Friday, July 13; Summer Church Hours

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outdoor courts
- 12:30 PM Church Closes - Summer Hours

Saturday, July 14

No Scheduled Church Events

Sunday, July 15; Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Blessing of the Animals

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - outside, west parking lot
- 9:15 AM Musikgarten - Room 307
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

CONGREGATION NEWS

Session Highlights for May 21, 2018:

- Contact the PCUSA Just Immigration Initiative using the following email address: laura.polk@pcusa.org to become active in the effort to end separation of children from their parents at the time of border crossing. Additional education and direction are available through this contact.
- Deacons served 42 Salvation Army meals at the beginning of May. FPC collected 66 items and \$206 for the Food Pantry in May. A total of \$838 was collected for the Pentecost Collection: \$502.80 (60%) went to Presbytery and \$335.20 (40%) went to Boys & Girls Club.
- The Neighborhood Picnic was a big success with an estimated 200 attendees with 75 being from the neighborhood. A member from the neighborhood wants to help grill next year. Contact was made between Tabatha's Circle and a small group of women in the neighborhood that would like to participate in sewing dresses in their own homes. A single mother has reached out to us regarding attending church with her two small daughters.
- The Germany Out-Reach Tour and Mission Trip departed on Thursday, June 21, 2018, and our prayers travel with them for safety, connection, and learning.
- Approved serving Communion at the joint worship service with the Bethlehem Parish Church, Iranian Christian Refugees, and FPC Davenport Sanctuary Choir on June 24, 2018, at 4:00 PM.
- Synod School July 22-27, 2018 at Buena Vista College in Storm Lake, Iowa. Congregation Members are invited to travel with Rev. Katie Styr to share that opportunity for learning and fellowship.
- VBC has been successfully completed with approximately 147 participants, which included an estimated 35 Youth Leaders and 18 adults. Some of the sets and props from VBC will be shared with 2 different congregations in the area.
- THE Youth Mission Trip to Minneapolis, MN, departs Sunday June 24, 2018, at 9:00 AM, from the Iowa Street parking lot. Our prayers accompany them for a safe and successful week of learning and sharing.
- Craig Foster has returned from the 2018 ILUGUA trip. One of the highlights of his trip this year was attending an ecumenical Christian service that involved ancient Mayan culture

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, July 8, 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.



Independence Celebration Sunday


Today, 10:00 AM

The Sanctuary Choir and anyone else who wants to join will sing the famed "Battle Hymn of the Republic" today, for the 10:00 AM worship service. We will meet at 9:15 AM in the Sanctuary. Anyone and everyone in high school and older, who is available to sing is welcome to join us. If you can be here, we need your voice lifted up with us!

Bible Basics In Recess - Wednesday, July 11

Bible Basics will be in recess on Wednesday, July 11. Please plan to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, July 18. Please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607) for more information.

Blessing of the Animals - Sunday, July 15, 8:30 AM

Bring your pet -- large or small, all are welcome! -- to the 8:30 AM outdoor worship service. there will be unique music, prayers for creation, and a special blessing for each pet. Take your picture with your pet in front of the Blessing of the Animals dog house. 

Programming, Planning & Calendarization Meeting - Thursday, July 19, 5:30 PM

The next programming, planning and calendarization meeting is Thursday, July 19, from 5:30-6:30 PM. Committees now meeting to plan programming and events for the year can use the online calendar as a tool to better plan and communicate activities to church leadership and staff. Articles for the next *FIRST PRESS*, published the end of August are due to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by August 1, 2018. The theme for that publication is "abundance".

Register Now for Synod School - July 22-27

Synod School is a week long gathering of Midwestern Presbyterians of all ages. From Sunday evening to Friday morning, attendees come together to worship, fellowship, celebrate, and choose from over 70 short classes – from yoga to theology to BBQing! There are also programs for youth and children. All attendees stay at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa and build community with others. Rev. Katie is a returning Synod School attendee, and would love to carpool! Contact Rev. Katie, if you're interested, or visit <http://www.lakesandprairies.org/SynodSchool> for more information.



Food Pantry Volunteer Dates - Tuesdays, July 24 and August 28

We are signed up to volunteer at the Davenport Community Food pantry on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00 - 8:00 PM. Volunteers are very much needed -- we have 20 spots to fill each month. If you are able to help, please email Tiffany (horvath@fpcdavenport.org) and let her know! We are currently signed up for July 24 and August 28.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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ACE is in recess for the summer, but the committee is busy planning the fall schedule. What would you like to see offered between services? Speakers? Bible study? Book study? Videos? There are many options to help deepen our knowledge of our Christian faith. What would interest you? Please send an email to Barb Ehrmann (ptbee02@gmail.com) with your suggestions, or drop a note in the ACE mailbox in the office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

Sunday School Teachers Needed!

Our first day of Sunday School this fall will be September 16, with our open house being the Sunday prior on September 9. Sunday School teachers are needed for all grades, with two teachers needed for each class each week. We try to work the schedule so that teachers teach every other Sunday for 45 minutes. Consider donating 45 minutes of your time one or two Sundays a month. Let Tiffany know if you are interested in teaching this fall (horvath@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691, ext. 209).

MUSIC MINISTRY

Musikgarten Summer Splash - Sundays, 9:15 AM

Just add water! I can't imagine what our room would look like if we added water to all the stomping, running, hopping and spinning that happens during a typical Musikgarten class! Even though regular Sunday School classes are in recess until fall, we love Musikgarten so much that we keep coming back for more. We've been building a church family week by week that we all love and look forward to seeing on Sunday mornings. Our children are learning language, moving and dancing, playing instruments and singing together in a God-centered, musical community at FPC. Feel free to come and join us. The only rule is that everyone joins in! Musikgarten is for infants through three years old, but if you have older children, bring them with you during the summer. If you have friends and family visiting during the summer, feel free to bring them too, even if you're not a regular Musikgarten attendee (think Grandparents who want to experience MG with their grandkids). We don't want to leave anyone out! We'll meet for Summer Musikgarten classes in Room 307 from 9:15-9:50 AM today and on July 15, 22, 29 and August 5 and 12. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kathryn15@gmail.com; 563-505-0471). Goggles and swim fins are optional.



SUMMER SERVICE CELEBRATION

Bix Jazz Service - Sunday, August 5, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

FPC welcomes a Jazz trio for its annual Bix Jazz Liturgy led by acclaimed pianist Jeff Barnhart; the trio also includes jazz and swing drummer Hal Smith, and an FPC favorite, clarinetist Dave Bennett. These innovative and entertaining musicians are frequent guest of the Bix Biederbecke Jazz Festival, and often play together in various "All-Star" ensembles, including a Fats Waller tribute band.

FELLOWSHIP



Pickleball at FPC is Outside!

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

We play pickleball Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at various courts around Bettendorf and Davenport. If you haven't played before, or if you are an experienced player, join us for 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.

SHARING THE WORD

Take Me With You This Summer!

Share your "splash" experiences or stories to the church's social media sites. Cut out the splash graphic below and post away. Maybe you're traveling to places near and far? Or, maybe you're experiencing a refreshing renewal of spirit right here at home? Whatever inspires you and wherever you go, stay connected in prayer and service. We can't wait to see all of the ways that #FPCSplash is shared!



CARING FOR FPC

The Worship Task Force

The Worship Task Force was created by Session to assess our current worship services. The Task Force has begun its work to consider changes that can enhance our worship and sense of community. Please pray for the work of this group.

Please Share Your Viewpoint!

The Church Government and Personnel Committee is interested in your viewpoint. How do you think things are going at First Pres.? Have you observed something that others might have missed? Please feel free to express a joy or concern and share your viewpoint by filling out a Viewpoint card and dropping it in the locked Viewpoint Box on the Welcome Desk. All viewpoints will be kept confidential and will only be viewed by the Church Government and Personnel Committee.



Don't Let Your Pledge Take a Summer Vacation

Summer invites us to rest and relax. This time of year most of us are busy and frequently gone for several weeks, or weekends, at a time. Though you plan on being away, the church's financial obligations continue. There are a number of ways to keep your pledge this summer: set up a monthly automatic deduction from your bank account; set up monthly credit card payments; mail checks in to the Finance Office; or pre-pay your summer giving. If you would like auto deductions or credit card payments, contact Shannon Gruhlke (gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691) in the Finance Office for set-up. We appreciate your ongoing and timely giving of your pledges and offerings. Your contributions make all the difference here at First Presbyterian Church!

Daily Unity Prayer

FPC encourages all members and friends to take a moment to pray around noon every day. This is when all members and friends ask of themselves: "Am I living as a Disciple of Christ?" Send this text message, FPCUNITYPRAYER, to the number 22828 to opt-in to receive the daily Unity Prayer email message. You may also sign-up on the church's website or by calling the office (563-326-1691). The prayer is also on the church's Facebook page, so "like" and "share" with others. Listen to God when you pray.

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.

Do you want to help collate the newsletter and special mailings?

Interested in volunteering to help collate the newsletter and other special mailings from time to time? Please contact the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org; 563-326-1691), so we can add your name to our collater volunteer list. It's a fun group, easy work, and you're helping the church.

CARING FOR SELF AND OTHERS

Every Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday!

In July, we are collecting canned fruit. Summer is a time when we all enjoy fresh fruit. Many people in our community are not able to afford or store fresh produce. Every Sunday is food pantry Sunday! 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. Each month we will have a suggested item that The Center always needs but does not receive often. You can drop off your contribution to the church in the back of the sanctuary or in Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much for helping our community feed and care for their families. If you have any questions please contact Julie Grothusen (563-505-4964; mjgrothusen@hotmail.com).

Salvation Army Meal Preparation

You only need to invest about three hours, three or four times a year for this great volunteer opportunity. Buying the ingredients and cooking the monthly Salvation Army Meal is a chance to help your community. The same items are purchased each month and prepared on the first Monday of each month (except September). Two volunteers at a time are needed; so find a friend and call Muffy Ellard (563-505-2292).

"Homework Helpers" is here for YOU! Be a Volunteer!

If you read at a second grade level and do basic math, you qualify for the rich and rewarding "career" as a volunteer with the Boys and Girls Club's Homework Helper program. We are a team of members who invest one to two hours a month on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 - 4:00 PM. We listen to children read, assist with addition/subtraction homework, or support learning in other ways like flash cards and puzzles. The students are eager for mentors' interest in their education. Contact Debbie Keenan (dkeenan0912@gmail.com; 815-621-8009) or Muffy Ellard (ellardmm@gmail.com; 563-505-2292) to volunteer or for more information.

Meal Service of Scott County

Meal Service of Scott County, Inc., is an outreach program designed to provide eligible Scott County residents with hot lunches during the week. Meals are prepared to meet clients' specific dietary needs and are delivered to their homes by volunteers between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. To find out more about who is eligible, the cost, or how you can volunteer or make donations, please contact Julie Belman, Executive Director (563-323-1628).

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date - Peacemaker Visit - Sunday, September 29



Jerome Bizimana

Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (USA) sponsors peacemakers and missionaries around the world? International Peacemaker Jerome Bizimana of Rwanda is visiting Iowa and sharing news of his ministry on Sunday, September 29. He'll be preaching at both services and taking part in a Q&A ACE session. Rev. Bizimana Nkumbuyinka Jerome is President of Remera Presbytery in Rwanda and the initiator of the Light Group, bringing together survivors and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide of Tutsi Rwandans. He will share how the church helps bring about reconciliation. Rev. Bizimana Nk. Jerome studied Peace Building and Conflict Resolution in Zambia in 2004 - 2005 at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation. He is married to Jannette and father of six children, three boys and three girls. We are looking for a household to host Rev. Jerome on the evening of September 28 and bring him to church. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Katie.