

FPC Calendar for the week of July 9 - 16, 2017

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

Sunday, July 9 *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Blessing of the Animals*

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - outside on the west lawn (weather permitting)
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- 9:00 AM Scrip Gift Card Table - Fellowship Hall
- 9:20 AM Summer Musikgarten - CE Bldg, Room 307
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, July 10

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outside courts
- 11:00 AM Boys & Girls Club - Gym
- 6:30 PM Deacons' Outreach - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Mission Connection - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development - IN RECESS
- 7:30 PM Board of Deacons - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM Boy Scouts - IN RECESS
- 7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - IN RECESS

Tuesday, July 11

- 9:00 AM Rummage Sale Collection - CE Building Third Floor Classrooms
- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 11:00 AM Boys & Girls Club - Gym
- 5:00 PM Finance Meeting - IN RECESS
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Parlor

Wednesday, July 12

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outside courts
- 9:00 AM Church Staff Meeting - Parlor
- 10:00 AM Women's Summer Bible Study - Von Maur Hall
- 11:00 AM Boys & Girls Club - Gym
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 4:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner- Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, July 13

- 9:00 AM Rummage Sale Collection - CE Building Third Floor Classrooms
- 9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
- 11:00 AM Boys & Girls Club - Gym
- 12:00 PM Heritage Committee - Heritage Center
- 4:00 PM Church Government and Personnel Meeting - Richard Miller's Office
- 5:30 PM TOPS - Parlor
- 5:30 PM Weapon's Free Task Force - Richard Miller's Office
- 6:30 PM AAU Boys Basketball Practice - Gym

Friday, July 14

- 9:00 AM Pickleball - various outside courts
- 11:00 AM Boys & Girls Club - Gym
- 12:30 PM Church Closes

Saturday, July 15

- 10:00 AM PUNCH Meeting - First Christian Church, Davenport

Sunday, July 16 *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Food Pantry Sunday*

- 8:30 AM Worship Service - outside on the west lawn (weather permitting)
- 9:20 AM Summer Musikgarten - CE Bldg, Room 307
- 10:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Mission Trip Meeting - Von Maur Hall



CARING FOR SELF AND OTHERS

June 19, 2017 Session Highlights

- Madeline Bawden expressed her gratitude for the support of her Junior Year Vocal Recital and collected donations totaling \$695 for the QSCO's Private Lessons Program
- Finance & Facilities Manager, Shannon Gruhlke, CM, shared the 2016 Report on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures, completed on June 5, 2017 by the independent Accounting firm, Carpentier Mitchell Goddard and Company, LLC. The report stated there no instances of non-compliance with FPC's financial policies and procedures. Thank you, Shannon, for another year of professionalism, competence, offered with great heart and caring.
- Periodic updating of the membership roll is underway. Letters were approved which will be used to reach out to members who have been distant either by geographic location or by attendance choices.
- Building Use Guidelines and Procedure Revisions were approved. These represent the current system used by Staff when providing needed facilities, equipment, and custodial support for member and non-member use of the FPC campus.
- End of Programming Year summaries were requested as a part of the Annual Review completed by the Church Government Committee.
- Prayerful support of the Boy's and Girl's Club was requested as they discern the service provision options and programming needs of older youth in this shared neighborhood.
- Prayers continue to be welcomed for the work of the APNC. They are entering a time of phone interviewing and are excited by the quality of candidates that have applied for the opportunity to minister among us.

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.

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

50th Anniversary Celebration!

Bill and Judy Hawthorne will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house on July 21 from 6:30-10:30 PM at Duck Creek Lodge, 3000 E. Locust St., Davenport.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, July 9, 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.

Blessing of the Animals - Today, 8:30 AM

The Blessing of the Animals is an ancient custom associated with St. Francis of Assisi who recognized the Divine Spark in the beauty of creation and in the love of the companionship of animals. Pet photos will be taken following the service. Donations will be accepted for King's Harvest Animal Shelter.



Summer Musikgarten - Today, 9:20 AM

Musikgarten is for infants through three years olds, but if you have older children, bring them with you during the summer. We don't want to leave anyone out! We'll meet for Summer Musikgarten classes in Room 307 at 9:20-9:50 AM today and on July 16, 23, 30, August 13 and 20. If you have questions or for more information, please contact Kathy Middleton (kmidd@mchsi.com; 563-505-0471).

Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday (PSST) - Tuesday, July 11, 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.

Women's Summer Bible Study - Wednesday, July 12, 10:00 AM

Learn to be the hands and feet of Jesus through Nehemiah whose heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. We will meet every Wednesday from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, June 21 through July 19 (except July 5) in Von Maur Hall. The cost is \$15 for your member book. What a great way to meet new friends and stay connected to His Word throughout the summer. For more information, contact Jana Peterson (janalpeterson@yahoo.com; 563-508-8422).



Food Pantry - Sunday, July 16

Food items collected will be donated 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.



River Bandits Baseball Game

DATE: Saturday, July 22
 GAME TIME: 6:35 pm
 ARRIVAL TIME: 6:00 pm
 PLACE: Modern Woodmen Park
 COST: \$12/person

To make reservations, call the church office, 563-326-1691. Include your name and how many tickets you'll need.

Pick up tickets at the "will call window" the day of the game.

Rain Date: Tickets may be exchanged for any home game during the current regular season.

Reservations must be placed by Tuesday, July 18.

FELLOWSHIP

Bix Race Day Party Offers Fun for All! - Saturday, July 29, 7:00-11:00 AM

Grab a lawn chair, invite friends and loved ones, and join your FPC friends in the excitement of another Bix race morning! This year, the Bix Race Day Party is Saturday, July 29, from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM on the Kirkwood Boulevard lawn. See you there!

Bix Jazz Service - Sunday, August 6, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Bix Liturgy services are often a fun and interesting "first introduction" to First Presbyterian Church. Many guests return to worship throughout the year. Please take this opportunity to volunteer and make someone's first impression of FPC a positive one. "Ask Me!" volunteers are asked to sign up for one of two shifts, 7:30-8:30 AM, or 9:30-10:30 AM. Those able to donate three dozen homemade cookies or wanting to help host the fellowship reception following each service, should contact a member of the Congregation Development & Fellowship Committee for more information.



FPC Welcomes Dave Bennett on Bix Sunday!

Sunday, August 6, services at 8:30 & 10:30 AM

A multi-instrument phenomenon, Dave Bennett is a clarinet virtuoso who plays electric guitar, piano, drums and vocalizes. He is the only artist anywhere saluting The Roots of Pop: covering music from the Swing Era to early Rockabilly and Country, to Elvis Presley, The Beatles and more. Entirely self-taught, Dave began at age ten on clarinet, listening to and quickly playing along with Benny Goodman records. At age 12 he was invited by legendary jazz trumpeter Doc Cheatham to the bandstand of New York's famous Sweet Basil jazz club. By age 14 he was out frequently touring around the USA with Michigan's New Reformation Dixieland Band. Later self-taught instruments were the electric guitar and "boogie-woogie" style piano. Dave is a blazing clarinet sensation playing the "swing style" of Benny Goodman. Leading his Tribute to Benny Goodman, Dave has been a featured soloist at Carnegie Hall with The New York Pops (2013) and has played the program with 50 other US and Canadian orchestras including Nashville, Detroit, Rochester, Omaha, Toronto, Vancouver, Orlando, San Antonio, Jacksonville, Houston, Portland, OR and Portland, ME. Seventy-five performing arts centers across the USA have featured Dave's performances. Dave has been featured on NPR Radio's "Jazz at Riverwalk." He made his European debut in 2008 at the Bern Jazz Festival (Switzerland) in a combo with jazz legends (and Benny Goodman band alumni) guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli and vibraphonist, the late Peter Appleyard.

Travel Fellowship to Cedar Rapids - Sign up today at fpcdavenport.org!

Chihuly Venetian Glass, Czech/Slovak Culture & Grant Wood

Saturday, August 12, 7:30 AM departure



Register soon! \$49 per person - tickets transferable, non-refundable. Your art and culture trip includes: National Czech/Slovak Museum Admission, Dale Chihuly Venetian Glass Special Exhibit (learn more at www.ncsml.org), Grant Wood Studio visit, free time in Czech Village and New Bohemia, round trip deluxe coach transportation. This exhibit features works by master glass artist, Dale Chihuly. Travel Fellowship trips are a delightful way to introduce your friends to the ministries of First Presbyterian while experiencing enriching regional events together. The planning has been done for you by our Congregational Development and Fellowship Committee! Comfortable coach, with restroom, will depart church north parking lot at 7:30 AM and return by 6:00 PM. To register and make a credit card payment go to www.fpcdavenport.org (click online donation and look for Travel Fellowship). Payments will be accepted in the church office during business hours.



CARING FOR FPC

"Take me with you!"

"I won't take up too much room in your suitcase, but I hope to fill your heart with love and grace!" As you travel, both near and far, take Flat Jesus along as a reminder that He is always with you.



1. Color your Flat Jesus and cut it out.
2. Bring him with you.
3. Snap a picture of Flat Jesus
4. Post to the church's social media sites or email to office@fpcdavenport.org.

#FlatJesusIsMySuperHero

"I can't wait to see where I'm going and share your journey!" Jesus is with you no matter your age. This is for everyone! Pick up your own Flat Jesus from the Welcome Desk at the back of the Sanctuary.

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!

Programming, Planning & Calendarization Meeting - Thursday, July 20, 5:00 PM

The next programming, planning and calendarization meeting is Thursday, July 20, from 5:00-6:00 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, 2017. The theme for that publication is "connect".

Financial Update

	May 2017		May 2016	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	50,153	74,203	76,269	64,680
Custodial Accounts Income	2,923		8,205	
General Fund Expenses	71,773	81,648	70,571	71,182
Custodial Accounts Expenses	2,923	-	8,205	-
Surplus (Deficit)	(21,620)	(7,445)	5,698	(6,502)
	2017 Year-To-Date		2016 Year-To-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
General Fund Income	435,358	487,220	428,224	441,093
Custodial Accounts Income	36,438		60,910	
General Fund Expenses	375,216	422,262	359,829	391,813
Custodial Accounts Expenses	36,438	-	60,910	-
Surplus (Deficit)	60,142	64,958	68,395	49,280
All numbers are rounded.				

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PUNCH Gardens and Greenhouse - Next to First Baptist at 1401 N. Perry St.

Calling all gardeners. Contact Melissa Calhoun (melissa@beadles.org or 309-333-9321) now if you'd like to be part of a group from our congregation. You may also volunteer as an individual by calling First Baptist at (563)323-2765 to find out what's needed - watering, weeding, harvesting, etc.

PUNCH, United Neighbors Youth Program and City Youth Program

Monday, July 24, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Assist with the Park Program at Cork Hill Park to hand out lunch (hot dogs, chips, drink), help with games and assist Police, Fire Department, EMS, or National Guard groups who will be doing a presentation at the park. The program is also seeking volunteers at parks beyond of the PUNCH neighborhood: July 25 at Emeis Park and July 26 at Goose Creek Park. Contact Melissa Calhoun (melissa@beadles.org or 309-333-9321) to volunteer.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Outreach Committee Rummage Sale

The Music Outreach Committee will host a community rummage sale at the church August 3-5. If you have any items to donate to this cause, they may be delivered to the church on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM through July 27. To schedule an additional time or a bulk delivery, please call the church office. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. The sale will be held in Fellowship Hall on August 4 and 5 from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM.



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 August, 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).



SERMON GUIDE

July 9 2017

Scripture of the Day: Matthew 11:28

Sermon Questions:

What do you consider the hardest part about giving your burdens to God? _____

What do you consider is gentle about taking up the yoke of Christ? What is difficult about it? _____

Note: If you are interested in joining a small group for sermon discussions, please visit with others in Fellowship Hall after the service.