

FPC Calendar for the Week of September 9 - 16, 2018

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

Sunday, September 9; Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:15 AM Manna & More Fellowship Breakfast - Fellowship Hall
 9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
 10:00 AM Involvement Fair - Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM Worship Task Force Feed Back Conversation - Fellowship Hall
 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room
 1 0:10 AM Sunday School Rally Day - Third Floor CE Building
 10:20 AM Musikgarten - IN RECESS
 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

Monday, September 10

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 12:00 PM PUNCH Clergy Prayer Group - Parlor
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105
 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
 7:30 PM Board of Deacons - Von Maur Hall
 7:30 PM Contemplative Prayer Group - Donaldson Room

Tuesday, September 11

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105
 5:00 PM Finance Meeting - Parlor
 6:00 PM Worship Task Force Meeting - Von Maur Hall
 6:30 PM AAU Boys 5th and 6th Basketball Practice - Gym
 6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday - Parlor

Wednesday, September 12

8:30 AM Pastoral Staff Meeting - Richard Miller's Office
 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
 2:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105
 4:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Dinner - Fellowship Hall
 6:15 PM Bible Basics - Parlor
 6:30 PM PUNCH Kicks for Kids - Gym

Thursday, September 13

9:30 AM Heritage Committee Work Day - Heritage Room
 3:00 PM Homework Helpers - Room 304
 3:30 PM Boys & Girls Club Cello Practice/Instruction - Room 105
 4:00 PM Church Government & Personnel Committee Meeting - Richard Miller's Office
 5:30 PM TOPS - Von Maur Hall
 5:30 PM Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting - Parlor
 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, September 14

9:00 AM Pickleball - Gym
 5:00 PM Men's Cookout - Home of Ted Brown

Saturday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 16; Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
 10:00 AM Cherub Choir - IN RECESS
 1 0:00 AM Church Government & Personnel Open Forum - Parlor
 10:00 AM Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
 10:00 AM St. Giles Bells Rehearsal - Chapel
 10:10 AM ACE Von Maur Series: Christian Topics - Rev. Katie Styrk Introduction - Von Maur Hall
 10:10 AM Confirmation Class - Fireplace Room
 1 0:10 AM Promise Land Sunday School - Third Floor CE Building
 10:20 AM Musikgarten - IN RECESS
 11:00 AM Worship Service - 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) - Fellowship Hall

MISSION & OUTREACH

Peace and Global Witness Offering Quick Facts

The Peace and Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980. 25% of the offering stays with local congregations and 25% with mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. 50% goes to the Presbyterian Mission Agency to support the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

Food Pantry Volunteer Date - Tuesday, September 18

Due to Food Pantry scheduling changes we are now signed up to volunteer on the third Tuesday each 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 (mclure@fpcdavenport.org) and let her know!

The Center Stories That Inspire Fundraiser - Saturday, September 29, 6:00 PM

The Center continues to help people in our community. They can't do it without financial help. More than just contributing financial support, go to the Stories That Inspire Fundraiser dinner to hear stories about how lives are being changed and INSPIRED to make changes in our world. Be a part of The Center mission of seeking Christ centered actions to alleviate the pain of the oppressed and marginalized. The \$25 cost includes supper. Auction items available. Please contact Cindy Schalk (schalkhomes95@gmail.com; 941-806-7301) to sign up or for more information.

Peacemaker Visit - Sunday, September 30



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 30. He'll be preaching at both services and taking part in a Q&A ACE session. Rev. Jerome Bizimana 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. Jerome studied Peace Building and Conflict Resolution in Zambia in 2004 – 2005 at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation.

Tabitha's Circle - Sunday, September 30, 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 information.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION — Sunday, September 9, 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.

Manna and More Breakfast - Today, 8:15 - 10:30 AM

Share breakfast with your family and friends before and after the 9:00 AM service today. We will serve egg casserole, plus a few pancakes (for the kids), fruit, mini muffins and cinnamon rolls, orange juice, milk, coffee, tea, and water. Adults - \$3, children (12 & under) - \$1.



Worship and Music Task Force Feed Back Conversation

Today, 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

Worship and Music Task Force is recommending our congregation change the Sunday morning schedule to a single, 9:30 AM traditional worship service. This recommendation was presented in detail to the Session on August 20 and mailed to your homes in a letter. No decision has been made at this time. Members of the Worship Task Force will be in Fellowship Hall to receive your thoughts, questions, concerns, and encouragement today at the 10:00 AM at the Involvement Fair, at a table marked Worship Task Force. Our prayer is to come together as a joy-filled congregation, sharing in worship and enriching our lives with fellowship, education, music, and service. The Worship Task Force looks forward to your input toward this goal.



Involvement Fair - Today, 10:00 AM

God has blessed us with talents to share with those around us. Come to our involvement fair today to learn the ways your talent can be shared with the various committees at First Presbyterian.

Sunday School Open House! - Today, 10:10 AM



Please join us from 10:10-10:45 AM this morning on the third floor to meet your Sunday School and Confirmation teachers! Come check out the classrooms, get a small treat and drop off your registration forms if you haven't already done so. We look forward to an amazing year together as we grow in God's love and God's grace.

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

Men's Cookout - Friday, September 14, 5:00 PM

You're invited to the Men's Cookout at Ted Brown's home, 2226 N. Ripley St., Davenport. There will be burgers & brats, salads, chips, beverages and more -- and you don't have to cook! All men in the church are welcome and an RSVP is a must! There is a \$5 cost that needs to accompany the reservation by September 11. Questions/reservations? Contact Ted (tedbrown2@mchsi.com) or sign up at church.

MUSIC MINISTRY



Register for Youth and Adult Choirs Now!

Follow the links on the church's website to the choir page and complete the online registration form! It's that easy! Now you're singing in the choir.

Musikgarten - Sunday, September 23, 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 (kathrynbl5@gmail.com; 563-505-0471).



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUTH

ACT & EPIC - Begins Sunday, September 16, 5:30 PM



Our first middle and high school youth group will meet next Sunday, September 16 at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be pizza and ice cream (but not together, unless that's your thing...then go for it) followed by our traditional rabble rousing game of Pumpkin Bowling! This is for all 6th-12th graders and any friends who want to join us!

Kirkwood Club - Begins Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 PM



Our first Kirkwood Club will be an ice cream social followed by a play date on the playground on Wednesday, September 19 for all 1st-5th graders from 6:30 -7:15 PM. The more, the merrier! We are excited for this kick off to our elementary school youth group and hope your child can join us as we spend the year in fellowship and joy together.

Mission Trip Dinner - Sunday, September 23, 6:30 PM



The youth who attended our 2018 Mission Trip to Minneapolis would like to invite you a special dinner to hear all about our trip on Sunday, September 23 from 6:30 -7:30 PM. RSVP's are needed so we know how many to cook for. Let Tiffany (563-326-1691; mcclure@fpcdavenport.org) know if you are interested in attending. This fun and interactive dinner is for ANYONE who supported the youth on their mission: whether financially, in prayer, or any other manner! Thank you, and God Bless!

CARING FOR FPC

Church Government & Personnel Committee Open Forum Sunday, September 16, 10:00 AM in the Parlor

To foster open communication, the Church Government & Personnel Committee (CG&P) will be available for church members to bring them any joys and/or concerns they may have at 10:00 AM.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (ACE)

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

This fall, there will be two Adult Christian Education offerings most Sundays. In September you will be introduced to the Rev. Katie Styr, find out what the choir was up to in Germany and learn about the mission work of the Presbyterian Church USA. On October 7, we will begin a seven-week book study on "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?" During this unique study we'll discuss several things Christians don't need to believe. However, we'll spend most of our time studying what Christians do need to believe. If a book study is not your cup of tea, during October and November we will have presentations by the Rev. Dr. Richard Miller, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and a series on homelessness and housing in the Quad Cities. You have a choice! Please consider joining your fellow members each Sunday at 10:10 AM to deepen your knowledge and faith. A complete schedule will be distributed in September. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail Barb Ehrmann (ptbee02@gmail.com). We hope to see you at ACE!

Bible Basics: Raising of the Dead - Wednesday, September 12, 6:15 PM

We are all familiar with the story of Jesus' resurrection. We have nine other stories in the bible where people who died were brought back to continue their life on earth. Can you recall any of these? We will talk about those scriptures this week. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information or to receive a copy of the readings, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com; 563-332-9314) or Julie Grothusen (mjgrothusen@hotmail.com; 563-359-6607).

CONGREGATION NEWS

August 2018 Session Update

- 1) Letter of gratitude received from the PC(USA) Mission Engagement Advisor – Midwest, Rhonda Kruse, expressed appreciation for the congregational donations to the shared mission and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Funds.
- 2) Five thank you cards were circulated, which expressed appreciation for use of the buildings and grounds for Bix Volunteer Training, and for post RAGBRAI cleanup, rest, and meeting location for a team of riders from Minnesota.
- 3) Iowa Street Neighborhood Garden plot continues to be very active. PUNCH will provide signage to indicate when produce is available for harvest by local neighbors. KWQC will be scheduling a dinner in October using produce from the gardens to promote the neighborhood garden project.
- 4) CareLINK program is ending. A partnership between FPC and The Center will target transitional financial needs of the neighborhood. The Center has agreed to do all of the vetting and granting and will provide monthly records of recipients and amounts to FPC.
- 5) Homework Helpers kickoff in September and will benefit from Davenport Central High School Honor's Society helping with tutoring.
- 6) September 8 – InTouch service training from 9:00 to 10:30 AM
- 7) JUST BETWEEN US: Artist Candy Chang created a community sharing of meaningful thought which Mark Jones will bring to our congregation. Watch for a bulletin board in Fellowship Hall that will hold a thought provoking question and space for responses. The goal is to stimulate reflection and sharing. The question will be changed periodically as appropriate and inspired. If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Mark Jones (mkjones@mchsi.com).
- 8) A Finance Manager Search Committee has been formed and includes the following people: Stephanie Arp, Chair; Nancy Chapman, Jeff Ehrmann, John Hensel, Rob Lamb, Kent Marcek, Pam Paulsen.
- 9) The Finance Committee reviewed the property and liability insurance. After careful review, as of August 15, 2018, the church will be insured through Insurance Board (at the recommendation of the Presbytery) for property and liability, and worker's compensation insurance. All policies are stand-alone policies meaning that they are not tied with the Presbytery of East Iowa's coverages.
- 10) Expenses are running 15% below budgeted amounts year to date, and donations have been 6% below budget. Committees were praised for this conservative spending pattern and encouraged to continue mindful spending as the fall program season is implemented.

Commissioning of Tiffany McClure - September 30, 6:00 PM

Tiffany McClure will be commissioned to First Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited to be a witness and a part of this event. There will be line dancing and bubbles and a big white dress and an exchange of rings and...oh wait. That was last month. This will be a different ceremony, but Tiffany will still cry. Probably.



FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Between the Covers (BTC) Book Club - Monday, September 17, 12:30 PM

Looking for a good book and fellowship? Join the BTC Book Club on Monday, September 17 at 12:30 PM in the Parlor. We'll enjoy dessert and Bev Koos will lead our discussion of *The Gatekeepers* by Chris Whipple. Please call hostess Bev Koos (563-676-0292) to R.S.V.P.

Women's Breakfast - Saturday, September 22, 9:00 AM

Sit back, relax, and enjoy a delicious breakfast while sharing fellowship with friends! Then listen to a program by Rev. Pat Halverson, who lives with her lovable, free-loading Norwegian Elkhound mix, Elsa. Pat is an oil painting artist and sees a unity of her interests: studying the creation in the sciences, learning of and serving the Creator in theology and ministry, and seeking to express the beauty of God's creation through art. Child care will be provided as well as transportation for those who need it. Cost is \$10 per person, with a portion going to a special need within the community. Sign up between the services in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office (office@fpcdavenport.org).



Rev. Pat Halverson

Socializers - Saturday, September 22, 6:00 PM

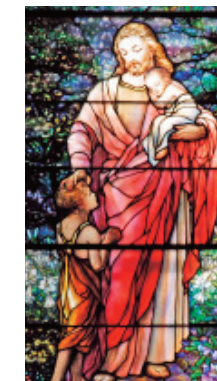
If you like good food and fellowship, mark your calendars and come. This month, our program will be Susan G. Komen of Greater Iowa. Everyone is invited to this potluck supper meeting in Fellowship Hall. Please R.S.V.P. to hosts Jane and Henry Bollmann (563-359-7945) or Marlene and Bob Gaston (563-332-1618).

Save the Date for Homecoming Sunday - Sunday, October 7

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! Please join in sharing good conversation, good food and reconnecting, sustaining or finding new friendships. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office (563-326-1691) by September 28. We need volunteers to assist our guests. If you can help, please let Pat Cresap (cresaptwo@gmail.com; 563-449-8148) know.

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. 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, October 19 or when tour is filled.