

Stewardship Inspirations

Through the Waters

by Beth and Tony Runkle

“My wife Beth and I both grew up on farms. Throughout our lives we have been raised to understand how vital water is to life. Although neither of us stayed on the farm, that essential truth about water has stayed with us. You will also experience that same theme, of God’s Life giving waters, throughout our own church in the weeks to come.”

“Today, I have the opportunity to speak to you about stewardship. As a science teacher I use analogies often to help my students comprehend concepts. Let’s see how that works this morning...”

“On the farm, the life giving water rains down on the crops. The rain shower not only gives life to the crops but often creates small streams that leave the field providing life giving water to every place they flow. Each individual drop is essential to having a rain shower, because without each drop the rain does not fall, the streams & rivers do not flow.”

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that will flow like a river out our doors to give the Life through God to all who are touched by our giving.”

“As we kick off this stewardship season, we

hope you will prayerfully consider the gifts you can provide to First Presbyterian Church. You can find a pledge card in your pew today. Pledge cards will also be mailed to members later this month. The first Sunday of November we will dedicate our giving during the services. Thank you.”



Beth and Tony Runkle



by Anne and Adam Page

Anne: “Good morning. My name is Anne Page and this is my husband, Adam.”

“Both of us are lifelong members of the

church, having been baptized, raised and confirmed here. We grew up through the youth ministries and participated in choirs and Performing Arts Series productions. In fact, it was by this path that we were brought together and married. We are now expecting our first child and look forward to baptizing her in this very sanctuary and raising her in the same church that shaped our lives.”

Adam: “The theme for this stewardship season is ...so where the river flows everything will live.

Throughout the years, the church has been like a river to us, always there to help shape our lives, guide us in our faith and help to keep us afloat in times of need.”

Anne: “In 1988, my family’s home burned down to the ground and we lost everything but the clothes on our backs. That very evening, the church organized donations and brought bags of necessities to us. But it didn’t stop there. Donations flowed in for weeks and months to come, and church members even lent us a car and let us live in their own homes while they were on vacations. The outpouring of love and support from the church showed us that we could lose every single physical item that we owned, but still have everything.”

Adam: “This year, my family was hit with a tragedy, with the unfortunate news of my father having inoperable colon cancer. Despite the incredible stress this has caused and how extremely scared we are every day for his health, we find strength and hope through the loving concern the staff and

congregation of this church has shown. Whether it is through a personal visit or a simple prayer, my family’s spirit and faith in God can be directly attributed to your love.”

Adam: “With everything that happens in our lives, this ongoing support is what carries each of us through. That support, and the church itself, can only be sustained by the continued donations and efforts from the members of this congregation. As our family grows, we will continue to be a part of this church family by offering our pledge, because where the river flows, everything lives.”

Anne: “There is a pledge card in each pew if you would like to make your pledge commitment today. Simply fill it out and place it in the offering. Otherwise pledge cards will be mailed out to those who haven’t made a pledge by the end of the month. Stewardship dedication Sunday will be during worship services on Sunday, November 6.”

“Thank you.”



Rev. Richard Miller

Out the Study Window

What an inspiring fall season this is. I hope and trust that the beauty of saffron and red, mixed with plenty of sunshine, has given you moments of pause at God's wondrous creation. How infinitesimal we are, and yet how blessed beyond measure too, by God's good creation.

Highlights of God's work among us:

- ▶ The fall season brought us to a time of commissioning, as we blessed and sent Molly Kuhn to pursue work in Israel. (See article in newsletter about her experiences)
- ▶ We focused on our heritage and found ourselves sharing tartans in a Celtic Worship celebration.

- ▶ Moments of reunion came our way, as we caught up with our Zimbabwe friends, Herbert and Alice Chikomo.
- ▶ We have creatively celebrated in worship, exploring how God has, and is, moving us through the waters of our lives.
- ▶ We look forward to dedicating our pledges on November 6 in worship as we look to the future to find God's continual guidance.

Borrowing from stewardship words that Deacon Tony Runkle shared with us in early October: "Beth and I see our stewardship to 1st Presbyterian church as a tiny raindrop, essential but only one tiny drop. Together, all of us adding our own raindrops the members of 1st Presbyterian Church can create a life giving rain shower. A rain shower that will not only give Life to our church, but one that will flow like a river out our doors to give Life through God, to all who are touched by our giving."

Let's make a rainstorm of grace appear for 2012, each one of us. Give generously to the ministry of Jesus Christ through First Presbyterian Church, so that the resources we give can flow to the places that need them most.

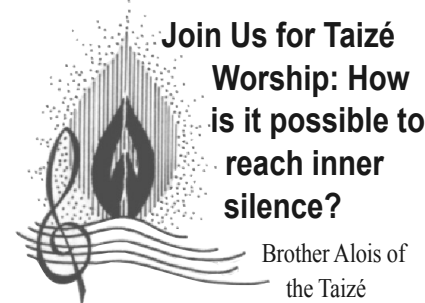
Soon you will hear about new Elders and Deacons, whom you have nominated to lead us into the next three years of ministry. You will hear and read more about Molly Kuhn; what she is learning and doing in Israel over the next few months. You will be challenged to think about mission trips to Pine Ridge, as we have added a family option for families with children ages 6-12 (see more in this newsletter).

Holiday Pops will be here before we know it. Our Thanksgiving Eve service will be the highlight it always is, as we give thanks for God's blessings.

Keep these additional thoughts in your prayers:

Pray for our mission partners who are planning a trip to the Quad Cities from Guatemala. At this time their travel plans are pending, so keep them in your thoughts and prayers as we hope to have a Feliz Navidad celebration with them here in December.

Also keep in your thoughts and prayers, the possibility for members of our church to travel to Zimbabwe. We have been invited to see and join in the mission work of Herbert and Alice Chikomo.



Brother Alois of the Taizé community in France writes, "Calming our souls requires a kind of simplicity: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. Silence means recognizing that my worries can't do much. Silence means leaving to God what is beyond my reach and capacity. A moment of silence, even very short, is like a holy stop, a sabbatical rest, a truce of worries." Join Christians from many walks of life in worship on Friday, November 4, in the Chapel at 6:30 PM.

Session Highlights:

At its October meeting Session;

- ▶ approved the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual (for church employees) that has been revised and updated by members of the Church Government and Personnel Committee.
- ▶ approved several measures to allow the Deacons to manage more mission giving.
- ▶ approved several changes and revisions to the Child Protection Policy.
- ▶ approved funding to help pay for a computer for use by the Chikomos in their orphan ministry in Zimbabwe.

Member News:

The congregation marks the following occasions in the lives of those who make up the First Presbyterian Church community.

Deaths: Allan Shimp - October 15, 2011;
Alice Amman - October 13, 2011

Marriage: Jeffrey Gomez and Duanne Timm - October 15, 2011



You Are Invited to Be a Part of the Advent Liturgy

Each Sunday service of worship during the season of Advent features a special liturgy around the Advent Wreath. Members of the congregation lead us in worship and light the candles as we anticipate Jesus' coming. This is a time for people of all ages to lead the congregation in worship: everyone is welcome! Couples, siblings, young children and parents, parents and adult children, grandparents and grandchildren, single parents and children, blended families, friends, neighbors, and etc. Please contact The Rev. Pamela J. Hoogheem to indicate your interest in participating in the liturgy: hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org or 563-326-1691.

Mission Connection Sales

- ▶ November 6 & 13, between the services, in Fellowship Hall. Mission Connection Sale. Contact Karen Moore for more information, 563-355-2234.



This year as we prepare to receive the coming of our Lord at Christmas we have the opportunity to show God's love in giving to others who are in need this season. In Fellowship Hall you will find the Advent Giving Tree, and many tags will be nestled in its branches. The tree is the central location for all of the Deacons' ministries this Advent. This one tree will accommodate our Angel Tree ministry, support alternative gift giving to ILUGUA in Guatemala, contribute to Re-Member, and the Love Gift. It is a tree that symbolizes the life-giving power we have in the love and strength of God who calls and empowers us to give from our hearts this season.

Angel Tree – Ask most children and they would probably say that the Christmas season is their most favorite time of the year. Children learn the holiday traditions of their families, and most of all, there is the excitement of wondering what will be awaiting under the tree for them on Christmas morning. For children with an incarcerated parent, however, Christmas can be a very bleak time of year. Children may feel unloved or abandoned by their incarcerated parent, and their remaining parent or caregiver may not have enough money for anything but the basic necessities of life. The Angel Tree Project helps these children by having church members purchase gifts for them, on behalf of their imprisoned parent. For a child to know that they have not been forgotten may be even more important than the gifts themselves! For an incarcerated parent, it allows the opportunity for restored dignity and hope.

You and your family can help in two ways: by purchasing gifts for the children and/or by helping deliver the gifts before Christmas. Ideas for gifts, sizes and ages of the children will be provided. Beginning Sunday, November 20, you will be able to claim Angels from the tree in Fellowship Hall between services or to sign up to help deliver presents.

The Deacons' Corner

The Boys and Girls Club is one outreach program of the Board of Deacons that is literally just downstairs in the gym or upstairs in the classrooms! The Davenport Club of the Boys and Girls Club of the Mississippi Valley has been a part of the church's outreach for 10+ years.

The Boys and Girls Club mission is "to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens." The Boys and Girls Club provides children and youth with a safe place to learn and grow. Benefits for club attendees include ongoing relationships with caring adults and developing positive relationships with peers. Our support with both finances and time bring a sense of hope and empowerment to club members. The club enables members to participate in opportunities which otherwise would not be available to them.

Some of the programs specifically supported by the deacons and church members in 2011 have included:

- ▶ Wednesday night meals for the children and their families prepared and served by church volunteers.
- ▶ Scholarships and snacks for the summer programs funded by the deacons with monies raised through the congregation's generous support of a bake sale.
- ▶ Homework Helpers, coordinated by Beth Tinsman and Nancy Foster, providing homework assistance and tutoring 2 afternoons a week and staffed by church volunteers.

The affect of the Boys and Girls Club on the youth of the neighborhood is aptly stated by one of its young members in a note to the Board of Deacons:

Thank you for sponsoring me to attend the Davenport Boys & Girls Club. I am 11yrs old and go to the Boys & Girls Club. I have so much fun and learn how to stay out of trouble and getting along with others. I am good in school. My life is so much better by going to the club.

Thank you to the congregation for your support of this vital outreach program occurring right in our midst.

Recycle your Furniture for America Recycles Day!

Do you have unused and unwanted furniture sitting around your house? Don't dust it, donate it!

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore will have a Used Furniture Drive on Sunday November 13 from 12:00 NOON - 4:00 PM in the church parking lot.

Bring your: end tables, chairs, artwork, accent rugs, lamps, sofas, bed frames (no mattresses, please), entertainment centers and dinette sets to church on Sunday afternoon. If your items are too big to transport, arrange for a pickup by contacting Beth Laureijs (Laureijs@mchsi.com or 563-355-2355). Receipts will be provided for all donations.

It feels so good to:

- ▶ Clear out space in your home
- ▶ Know that someone else will enjoy items you no longer need
- ▶ Realize that your donation will provide furnishings for deserving families.

Donations support the work of Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. If you have any questions, please call the ReStore at 563-391-4949 during store hours.

Donation Hours at the ReStore
(3629 Mississippi Avenue, Davenport, Iowa)

Wednesday, 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM; Thursday and Friday, 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM; Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM





In the Promise Land

This month we are learning about God through Psalm 23: the Lord is My Shepherd. Each week the children and youth will discover that God knows us inside and out, is a constant presence in their lives, and God has many blessings to share with them. At the beginning of Advent, we will shift our focus to how the good news of Jesus' birth is for all people and how we can prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives every day.

Children's Worship & Wonder; November 13 & 27

Worship and Wonder is for children ages 4 through 4th grade. Our worship is a time for children to work with Bible stories and worship God in their own way and at their level. We will be dismissed with a blessing from the sanctuary and proceed to the Worship Center on the 3rd floor of the Christian Education building. For parents who remain in the sanctuary, please come and escort your child(ren) to the Promise Land or Cherub Choir.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

...walk with me... **Know. Grow. Show.**

Join your friends for a fun-filled time in Von Maur Hall where we get to know each other through conversation about God, the Bible, and how to show our faith – and games, of course! This month we will talk a bit about our leadership role in the Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23: what worship is all about and why we help the congregation by leading the service.

*Youth Choir and Wednesday Night Fellowship are in recess on Wednesday, November 23 for our Thanksgiving Eve service of worship and Pie Fellowship.

VIBE at High School Fellowship:

Sunday nights 6:00-7:30 PM

November 6 & 13: Youth Sunday work and GAMES!

November 20: Nothing but games.

November 27: What does "Advent" mean?!

Re-Member Mission Trips to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

There are three opportunities for you to visit beautiful Pine Ridge Reservation and experience firsthand the realities of life as a Lakota.

- ▶▶ June 1-8 for people age 13+ has ten openings
- ▶▶ Family Week is June 29-July 6 for families with children ages 6-12 and has 15 openings.
- ▶▶ Our High School trip is July 13-20 for people age 13+ with 15 openings.

While on the Rez, you will engage in building projects at your level of expertise; the level of work that you engage in is up to you! If needed, you will receive training to use power tools. Projects include sanding; cutting wood with a power saw; using a power drill to put together outhouses, bunk beds, and skirting; and gardening. Children participating in Family week will have a daycamp experience, not go to work sites. We promise the experience of volunteering is an experience you will remember for a lifetime. After the work, there is always plenty of fun. Nightly reflections about a day's work, craft nights, and arranged tours to the badlands are common afterhours activities. Re-Member has two facilities with dorm rooms which are outfitted with bunk beds. There are ten showers, eight toilets, and one outdoor facility. There is a complete kitchen where everyone engages in cooking and cleanup. The cost of the trip is \$375 per person for your room and board and a tax particular to volunteers who go to the Rez. Approximately an additional \$200 covers travel to and from the Rez; the total cost of the trip will be about \$600 per person 13+ years of age. Scholarships are available! Volunteering with Re-Member is an emotional and life-changing event. During your visit to Pine Ridge Reservation, you will witness the extreme poverty the people live in on the Rez. We go to build relationships with the Lakota People. Please contact Lyle Miller (563-359-6187, or lyle_miller@mchsi.com) or Pastor Pamela (hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org, or 563-326-1691) to sign up or for more information.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Sunday Von Maur Hall Series - 10:00 AM

November 6: *The New Presbyterian Form of Government*

A year ago Dr. Rebecca Blair, stated clerk of the Presbytery of East Iowa, was our guest and reviewed a number of changes proposed by the last General Assembly. Among these changes was a proposal for a new form of government for the denomination. The required number of Presbyteries has now ratified these changes and the new form of government is in effect today. Please join us to find out how these changes impact our local congregation.

November 13: *Who is your neighbor? Come and find out.*

We are not a true neighborhood church. Most members live elsewhere and worship here. We want to be good neighbors, but how well do we know this neighborhood? What are this neighborhood's assets? What are its needs? A small group has been gathering information related to our church neighborhood that you might find interesting. Hear from a Davenport city neighborhood services specialist. Find out what the city sees in the neighborhood and initiatives underway for improvements.

November 20: *Who is your neighbor; Part II*

This will be a follow-up from the November 13 session. A panel has been assembled of people who are connected and invested in this neighborhood. Hear what they have to say. Come and ask your questions.

November 27: *A Hidden America: Children of the Plains*

In October, ABC aired a one-hour story on the Pine Ridge Reservation. We will play the video to give you another look at the culture, challenges, and dreams of the Lakota Sioux. Diane Sawyer narrates. Congregational members who have been to Pine Ridge will be present to share their thoughts and answer questions.

Wednesday night small group discussions – 6:30 PM

What Presbyterians Believe, the sequel.

We continue our discussion on *What Presbyterians Believe* by reading a publication by the same name. Four topics were discussed in October at our Sunday morning classes. This Wednesday night series will discuss four additional topics such as evil, justice, the Trinity, and the end of the world. Classes will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on November 2, 9, 16, and 30 in the Fireplace Room (room 303). Copies of the magazine edition of *What Presbyterians Believe* can be obtained from the church office. We ask you to register for the class by calling the church office.

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Molly Kuhn: A Look at Life in Jerusalem

In late August Molly Kuhn embarked on a 6-month internship at the *Palestine Israel Journal of Politics, Economics, and Culture* located in Jerusalem, Israel. The journal is a non-profit organization staffed by both Palestinian and Israeli journalists, and endeavors only to encourage dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians. These are just a few of Molly's reflections based upon her work and life experiences so far.

9/30/11 – Monday will mark one month since I left Iowa and, although it doesn't feel like I've been gone that long, these small milestones do encourage reflection. It seems I've made the naïve assumption that diving headfirst into this conflict, I would surface with clarity and decisive confidence about the solutions to the challenges facing this region. Unfortunately it seems, as the great Billy Joel so aptly explained, "the more I find out, the less that I know." I will say, however, that I am greatly encouraged by the courage and dedication of those who have dedicated their careers and lives to promoting dialogue and reconciliation.

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2011/09/05/world/middleeast/challenges-in-defining-an-israeli-palestinian-border.html>. This is a very good four part piece

on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the main challenges to a solution. It includes an overview of the key issues, the barrier, the settlements, and the sharing of Jerusalem.

10/07/11 – On Saturday the two other PIJ interns and I attended Oktoberfest in Taybeh, just outside of Ramallah. I was happy to share the experience with a Jewish intern who was visiting the West Bank for the first time. She was quick to admit that she erroneously thought of the whole West Bank as a poverty stricken, war-torn wasteland, an unfortunate, but common, misconception. Ramallah is the economic and political heart of the West Bank with a vibrant and diverse culture. While it is true that there are many poor towns and villages in the West Bank, and Ramallah is home to several Palestinian refugee camps, people are frequently surprised at how their perceptions belie the reality that is the West Bank. I was encouraged by the large number of international visitors to the Oktoberfest as it seems to suggest that the fear and stigma of visiting the West Bank is fading.

10/15/11 – Sundown last Friday marked the beginning of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement in Judaism. This is the most important holiday in Jewish tradition and is observed by even the most secular Jews. The holiday is observed with a 25 hour fast and much time spent in the synagogue praying.

This is the day that Jews ask God for forgiveness and absolution for wrongs done against God and against other people. From Friday afternoon until sundown on Saturday Jerusalem completely shuts down. There are almost no cars on the road, stores and businesses are closed, radio and television stations are shut down, and street lights are even changed to flashing yellow. The airport in Tel Aviv and the land border to Jordan were also closed. The city, usually teeming with traffic, was silent as people walked down the middle of empty roads between home and the synagogue. It was a surreal experience, and one that I don't imagine I will see again while I am here. I decided to walk to East Jerusalem to see if things were different there as well. The Arab busses were still running and shops were still open; it was business as usual. I wandered through the Old City which wasn't quite as crowded, but was still bustling with tourists from all over the world.

Again I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers and I hope that you will let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Peace,
Molly



Neighborhood Thanksgiving Dinner, Thursday, November 24, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM First Baptist Church, 1401 Perry Street, Davenport

The seven PUNCH churches hope to feed 280! Can you help? We need several volunteers to prepare the various traditional Thanksgiving food items and deliver them on Thursday morning. The Deacons' budget will cover the cost of the food. We also need four volunteers to help serve during meal time. Please contact Penné Duncan if you can help (penndu@aol.com or 563-381-2439).

All Saints' Day

During our worship on Sunday, November 6, we will remember those members of the congregation who have died in the past year. We can remember and honor our loved ones through story telling and celebration and giving thanks to God for the words and deeds that made a difference in our lives. Please remember:

Alice Amman	Jane Danico	Mary Louise Hart	Dorothy Lay	Marion Steckel
Robert Arzberger	Elsie Dunlap	Dorothy Hilbert	Mary Moulton	Marie Townsend
Dorothy Benson	Dorothy Farland	Virginette Hotop	Edna Parmele	Delores Welsh
Barbra Catlin	James Ferguson	Wayne Johnston	John Phoenix	Dorothy Wilbur
Jeanette Craig	Charles Fesenmeyer	Richard Karll	Lois Ruebling	Mary Wilson
Rachel D'Auben	Donald George	Nile Kinsler	Allan Shimp	



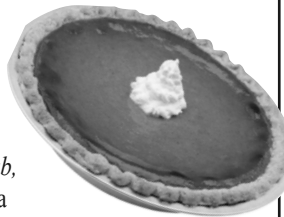
This year's stewardship theme is focused on water. Whether you live in the Quad Cities and sense God's grace and abundance through the waters that surround us, or you are a NASA scientist who scans the distant planets looking for that mysterious combination of H₂O, we all know the life-sustaining qualities of water. Water sustains, feeds, and refreshes everything we call life. For people of faith, going through the waters is the way we experience God's blessings and God's presence. We discover that our life's journey is not a lonely one.

God wants us to stop and take a picture of where we are. God wants us to remember how we have been led and saved. But most of all, God wants us to trust in God's grace for the future. God calls us to give from our resources in such a way that one day we will look, and point, and say, "Remember what God did in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015..." Let's create a great journey through the waters with God and God's people.

Pledge cards were mailed the last week of October (additional pledge cards can be found in the pew racks on Sunday mornings). Stewardship Pledge Sunday will on November 6, 2011.

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 PM

The traditional Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Fellowship begins at 7:00 PM on November 23, the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. The *Cherub*, and *Youth Choirs* will provide music leadership. A sharing of homemade pies at a fellowship get-together after the service is sure to get the Thanksgiving holiday off to a sweet start. The evening is a great time for the church family to recount blessings and give thanks to God. So, bake your favorite pie and bring it to church along with your family on Thanksgiving Eve (you may drop off the pie earlier in the day, or before attending the service). This is a special time to worship and thank God for the abundant blessings received throughout the year.



Make a Note of it...

- ▶ Articles for the December newsletter need to be sent to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by November 15.
- ▶ Articles for the Sunday bulletin announcements need to be sent by Monday of each week to Barbara Young (young@fpcdavenport.org).

New Member Inquirer's Luncheon and Events

- ▶ **November 20, 12:15 PM - New Member Luncheon**
- ▶ **November 21, 7:00 PM - New Member Introduction to Session**
- ▶ **December 4, 11:00 AM - New Member Welcome by Congregation**

Anyone who has considered membership at First Presbyterian Church is invited to attend the next New Member Inquirer's Luncheon on **Sunday, November 20, at 12:15 PM in the church Parlor**. This is an informational meeting that provides a time for potential members to ask questions about First Presbyterian Church. A light lunch will be served.

On Monday, November 21, at 7:00 PM, those who have chosen to become members are invited to Fellowship Hall to meet and be greeted by church Elders and Pastors. Attendance at this event is required if you wish to become a church member.

Sunday, December 4, is New Member Sunday. At that time new members will be welcomed by the congregation at the 11:00 AM worship service. Following the worship service, all new members are invited to a luncheon at the home of Rev. Richard and Dr. Juleann Miller. If you have any questions about becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church, please contact Tammy Mayhew (563-326-1691 or mayhew@fpcdavenport.org).

BTC Book Club Monday, November 21 12:30 PM

Between The Covers Book Club (BTC) will meet on Monday, November 21, 12:30 PM, in the Church Parlor. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Peg Keenan (563-355-1490).

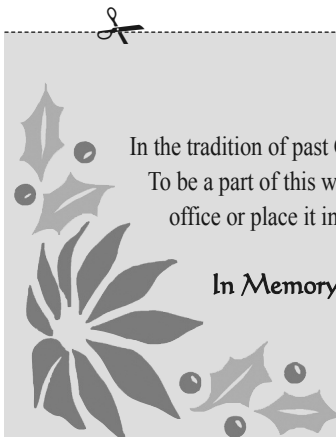
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2011

In the tradition of past Christmas seasons, the Chancel Guild will brighten the Sanctuary with poinsettias given in memory or honor of loved ones. To be a part of this wonderful tradition, please complete the form below. Return the form with a check in the amount of your choice to the church office or place it in the offering plate. The deadline for making memorials is December 11, 2011.

In Memory or Honor of: _____

(circle one)

Given by: _____





Financial Focus

Financial Summary for the Month of September 2011 General Church Operation Fund

	Month	YTD
Actual		
Revenue	69,418	702,596
Expense	86,376	716,992
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(16,958)	\$(14,395)
Budget		
Revenue	73,049	671,463
Expense	85,047	738,510
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(11,998)	\$(67,047)

Ways to Effect Giving to First Pres.

There are many ways to give or pay a pledge to First Presbyterian Church. We acknowledge that people feel connected in worship through the act of placing their gift in the offering plate each Sunday. This act is very meaningful. However, in case there is a need for an alternative, here are a couple of other ways to effect giving to the church.

- ▶ Automatic Bank Payments (ACH) – The ACH network allows funds to be electronically debited from a checking or savings account and credited to the church’s account. The church schedules these withdrawals either on the first or the 15th of the month. ACH transactions are one of the safest ways to send money electronically. Bank information is stored confidentially in a locked safe.
- ▶ Credit Card Payments – The church schedules credit card payments for the first of the month. Your credit card information is stored confidentially in a locked safe.

If you are interested in giving through automatic bank payments (ACH) or credit card payments, please call Shannon Gruhlke, Finance Manager, at 563.326.1691 or email at gruhlke@fpcdavenport.org. A form will be sent to you for your review and signature.

Please share your Viewpoint!

The Church Government & 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 & Personnel Committee.



Update your membership information

We need your help to keep FPC’s membership records current and accurate. It is important to let the church office know if you change your home address, email address, cell phone, or if you replace your land line with a cell phone number. You should also contact the church if you no longer wish to receive mailings from the church.



Missed last Sunday’s worship service?

Want to hear the sermon again or share it with a friend or distant relative? Guess what? Recordings of the sermons are available for you or anyone to listen to and watch right now on the web. Just go to the First Presbyterian Church website (www.fpcdavenport.org), click on the Resources link, and choose the worship service you want to hear or view.

Events and Committee Meetings

If you’re planning a church event or scheduling a meeting, it is *necessary* to call, email, or stop by the church office (located across from the Parlor) to check the church calendar for room availability and time. This makes for efficient room space and custodial scheduling for your activity or meeting. Without checking the schedule there will be no guarantee that your meeting or event can be scheduled at the church. Please contact Barbara Young (563-326-1691 or young@fpcdavenport.org) to arrange your meeting time, location, and room set-up specifications.

Tune-In to FPC on Cable Channel 19 Sundays at 5:00 PM!

Yes, it is true! FPC Sunday services are now broadcast on Mediacom Cable channel 19 – featuring an abbreviated half-hour recap of the Sunday service, which can be viewed on **Sunday evenings at 5:00 PM**. Mention this to your friends and neighbors, encourage them to watch the service, then invite them to attend a Sunday morning service here at FPC.

The Broadcaster

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Mike Garson is an American pianist, most notable for his work with *David Bowie*, *Nine Inch Nails*, *Billy Corgan*, *Free Flight*, and *The Smashing Pumpkins*.

From Bach to Bowie, east coast to west coast, piano keyboards to computer keyboards, Mike Garson has worked to make the world a more creative, compassionate and compelling place. He remains a man of many talents and limitless inspiration. No artistic medium is off-limits to this avant-garde individual to whom the word “no” is quickly transformed into the word “now.”

Best known for his impressive skills as a pianist, he is a respected composer and an evolving computer artist. Embracing the idea of the “Renaissance Man,” Mike continually experiments with new ways through which he can communicate his humanistic ideals and hopes for the world in which he lives.

MIKE GARSON – Christmas Jazz Piano

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Saturday, December 10 - 4:00 PM

Adults \$12 Students \$8