

Rev. Herbert & Alice Chikomo Reunite with FPC *by Deacon Diane Gere*

In 1979 the Rev. Herbert and Alice Chikomo, and their children arrived from Zimbabwe (in southeastern Africa) and became a cherished part of First Presbyterian Church life. For our congregation this was a period of blooming love, knowledge, and respect. Their family fully participated in the life of FPC, with Rev. Herb as an Associate Pastor and Alice as a choir member. After the Chikomos completed their Davenport stay nine months later, their next U.S. experiences were in the Twin Cities and Des Moines. Over the years since then, they did not lose contact with FPC; in fact, Rev. Tom Kalshoven later performed the marriage ceremony of one of the Chikomo daughters.

The Chikomos' Work in Harare

Surrounding their U.S. experience, Rev. Chikomo had a long career in the ministry. He officially retired after more than forty years as a Presbyterian Pastor and leader in Zimbabwe and southeastern Africa: Herbert was the first indigenous head of staff at City Presbyterian Church in downtown Harare for nine years. Twice he was Moderator of the Synod of Zimbabwe and in 1986-87 had the distinction of being Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa. Even after retirement Herbert, now age 84, is still active in ministering to the needs of the poor.



As an experienced educator, Alice has led the City Presbyterian Church congregation members in an outreach

program addressing vital needs of street children who would otherwise be left to fend for themselves. Their church website explains: "The Club was formed in 1996 by the Presbytery of Zimbabwe under the inspired leadership of Mrs. Alice Chikomo, wife of Reverend Herbert Chikomo. In 1999, responsibility for the management of the Club was transferred to City Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. Alice Chikomo as Programme Director. She is assisted by a number of dedicated volunteer staff. The Club reports to Session. The aim of the Club is to alleviate the suffering of the street children. The Club provides street kids basic education, food and clothing. Using Church premises, the children arrive Monday to Friday at about 8:00 AM, are given a

breakfast of 2 slices of bread with peanut butter (if available), an orange, and a cup of tea. They then go for school lessons. Subjects taught are basic reading, writing, English, Shona [an African language], arithmetic, art, scripture, living together, etc. The children are taught from Grade 1 through Grade 7. Later, after lessons, they have a lunch of sadza [cooked corn meal, a staple food], cabbage, beans and or mince meat (whatever is available). They are also given a school uniform that is laundered by the Club. They change into their own clothes after school and they go back to the street late afternoon."

Some of the street children had no home or family to return to at night, so City Church began assisting the orphans, and a few years ago, Herbert and Alice offered their own house as an orphanage. A staff provides the children not only a home but also a place to learn life skills.

World Communion Sunday and the Peacemaking Offering Sunday, October 2, 2011

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in 2010. The Offering was organized following the adoption by the General Assembly of Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling, which called for an emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year as your church plans to receive this Offering, remember the peacemakers of years past — in your congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace.



The theme for the 2011 Offering is "A Harvest of Justice Is Sown in Peace" (James 3:18). The art is Santa Cena, a serigraph by José Ignacio Fletes Cruz.

FPC Deacons and the Chikomos' Mission

In 2008, the Board of Deacons and Session of First Presbyterian Church awarded \$5,000 from the Deacons Endowment Fund to assist the Chikomos in the purchase and installation of new lavatory equipment and spaces for boys and girls. Upon receiving the money Alice Chikomo wrote on January 20, 2010: "...God will bless you and your church richly. The club is so excited that this support came to help us with the building...Please convey our thanks to our church."

The Chikomos' Iowa Visit

It is a joy and a privilege to reintroduce Alice and Herbert to our congregation this month as they are in the area visiting and helping their daughter Tsitsi Bergman and her family; fortunately, Tsitsi is recovering from a major illness with the assistance of her husband Eric and her wonderful friends at Bettendorf Presbyterian Church. Alice and Herbert are relieved to be part of Tsitsi's recovery and are, of course, enjoying Kudzai and Tendai, their young grandsons!

Alice and Rev. Herbert Chikomo will speak and show slides for a Wednesday Adult Christian Education class on **Wednesday, October 5, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM**. Please come to enjoy seeing them and learning about this mission and Zimbabwe.



Rev. Richard Miller

Out the Study Window

A Unique Church In A Challenging Time

What makes First Presbyterian Church unique is not only that we are a surviving mainline denomination church, still preaching the Gospel in a new century, but that we are unique because we yearn to continue our commitment to quality worship, which means we are not afraid to try new things and use our technology wisely.

We are unique in our efforts to reach out to our community, which means we are actively involved in community service, learning about our neighbors and assisting our Boys and Girls Club families.

We are unique in our conversations about mission, which means we have restless conversations about where God has led us and perhaps where God is leading us in the future. But, we are also unique and restless about one other area of our ministry together – that area is discipleship.

To that purpose, a steering committee is forming to begin the process of learning and investigating how we might develop a small group ministry in the life of our church. One might question, “Well, pastor what is so unique about gathering in small groups?”

The answer I would share is, in the past three years, I have seen our small group Disciple Bible Study classes empower members to become ordained leaders in our church. I have watched a long-standing Thursday night small group nurture and help members in times of spiritual and emotional need. And recently, I experienced the power that small groups can make in our spiritual journeys together – as members wrestled over a text of scripture and inspired me to write a sermon about their insights. You may listen or watch the recording of the September 24 worship service by checking out a DVD in the church library or going to the church website (www.fpcdavenport.org) where this topic was the focus of the sermon.

As a mainline denomination church still preaching and living out the Gospel in a new century, we are unique in many ways. But this new effort, to intentionally find ways to meet with other Christians and tell each other about how God is dealing with us, has great potential to keep us focused as we find God over and over again in each other's lives and in our world.

Formed around the ancient concept of discipleship, a small group can be Bible focused, mission focused, fellowship focused, or any other focus that creative Presbyterians can imagine, as we keep our attention on the God we point to. Stay tuned for more about small groups you can be a part of at FPC.

Richard



Homecoming

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE SEVENTY-FIVE AND OLDER

Sunday, October 2, 2011 ■ **11:00 AM Sunday Service**
Old Time Hymns and Holy Communion ■ **12:00 noon Sit-Down Lunch**

On Sunday, October 2, First Presbyterian Church will celebrate Homecoming, a tribute to our church members who are seventy-five years and older. Many of our guests come to church regularly, but some make a special effort to attend this event being held to honor them. During the 11:00 AM service, Holy Communion will be celebrated, and the choir will lead in the singing of the hymns. Following the service, those seventy-five and older, along with their guests, are invited to lunch in Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Merriam Rink (finplanmom@aol.com or 563-326-1691).

Join Us for Taize Worship: How is it possible to reach inner silence?



Brother Alois of the Taize 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, October 7 in the Chapel at 6:30 PM.

Nominations for Church Officers, Class of 2014

If there is someone you would like to nominate for the office of Elder or Deacon, Class of 2014, please take a Nomination Brochure from the pew rack this morning. Fill out and detach the nomination form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. The deadline for nominations is October 24, 2011.

Member News

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

Deaths: Barbara Catlin - August 18, 2011;
 Robert Arzberger - August 22, 2011;
 Wayne Johnston - September 10, 2011

Marriage: Colin Baker and Megan Grevas
 - August 20, 2011

Pacem in Terris Award to Guatemalan Bishop, Sunday, October 2, 4:30 PM

On Sunday, October 2, 4:30 PM, at Rogalski Center Ball Room, St. Ambrose University, the annual Pacem in Terris award given by St. Ambrose will be presented to Bishop Alvaro Leonel Ramazzini Imeri. Bishop Imeri has been involved in the peace efforts in Guatemala. He is a friend of Rev. Pilar at ILUGUA, who has hosted First Pres/Grace Lutheran mission teams over the past five years and who visited Davenport in 2009.

The annual CROP Walk

Sunday, October 2, 2:00 PM

The annual CROP Walk is right around the corner! On Sunday, October 2, starting at 2:00 PM at Modern Woodman Park, Davenport, members and friends from local Quad City religious groups will walk six miles throughout downtown Davenport and Rock Island to raise support and awareness for international hunger. First Pres. has led area church contributions for many years, last year raising roughly \$4,000 in funds that were distributed to stop hunger abroad and in the Quad City area. Let's do it again! For more information contact Jenny Ferrell (563-676-8981), or Barb Miller (563-359-6187).



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.

When the Israelites journeyed to the promised land, Joshua led them through the waters of the Jordan River in a manner that was as miraculous as when Moses led the people through the Red Sea. After their successful crossing, Joshua made a memorial from the rocks of that dry river bed to mark the place where God had saved God's people (Joshua 4).

Memories are important to us. We use photographs and videos to help us remember vacations, special events like anniversaries and camp-outs, and especially how our children grow up. Some people use diaries or journals to help them remember. Memorials reinforce faith and provide opportunities for teaching. All these memorials serve to "proclaim" the good news of what God has done.

The rocks that Joshua set up are these kinds of memorials. They serve to remind Israel – and us – of what God has done in order to save God's people.

The point is this: going through the waters of life is a metaphor for all the countless ways we stop, take a picture of where we are, remember how God has led us – and, prodded us, and at times, saved us from ourselves.

We remember that God commanded Joshua to memorialize his part of the Jordan River for his time and his journey through the waters. God calls us to memorialize our journey through the waters too.

I believe that God is calling us to put our pictures in the photo album. 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.

Share in worship October and November as we look toward the many ways water reflects God's plan and God's love for us. Worship will be enhanced with images and sounds of water.

Pledge cards will be mailed to you 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.

The Deacons' Corner

The members of the Board of Deacons are called by the congregation to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless and to anyone in distress. The Deacons are responsible for meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the congregation and the greater community.

To help meet these needs, the Board of Deacons has a \$22,750 budget for 2011. Most of the Deacons' funds are raised through green envelope contributions and fundraisers. With your generous support, the Deacons are able to provide financial assistance to a dozen organizations throughout the community.

Friendly House, located at 1221 Myrtle Street in Davenport seeks to meet the needs of the community. Founded in 1896 as a settlement house, Friendly House has responded to the needs of families and individuals for over 100 years. Settlement houses were originally established to offer a wide variety of social services to immigrants and the urban poor. The premise was that the social workers lived in the area in which they served, becoming a part of the neighborhood. While the model of service has been modified, settlement houses like Friendly House are still community-focused and family-based.

The mission statement of Friendly House is: "To respond to the needs of families and individuals through programs and services that will enrich their lives and strengthen our neighborhoods."

The Board of Deacons contributes \$450 quarterly to the family services provided by Friendly House. The services offered are numerous and include emergency assistance, food pantry, rent rebate-filing assistance, income tax filing assistance, holiday assistance, affordable childcare and educational opportunities.

In a letter to the board, Lorelei Fauntz, Executive Director, states the immediate neighborhood around Friendly House faces many challenges. She expresses the agency's gratitude for our monetary support, which provides stability in a world that offers instability, and for "being a good neighbor and reaching out to help those who need it most."

The Performing Arts Series of First Presbyterian Church presents



**Internationally
Renowned Organist**

Principal Organist and
Artist in Residence of
First Presbyterian Church

Reserved seating
Sunday, October 30 - 2:00 PM
Adults \$12 Students \$8

Organist Ahreum Han was born in Seoul, Korea. Her family immigrated to Atlanta, Georgia when she was sixteen. Ahreum graduated with a Bachelor's degree in organ performance from Westminster Choir College where she studied with Ken Cowan. She obtained an Artist's Diploma from the prestigious Curtis Institute of Music having studied with Alan Morrison. Ms. Han received her Master's degree from Yale School of Music and Yale Institute of Sacred Music and studied with Thomas Murray. She is currently pursuing a Doctorate degree at the University of Iowa. Ahreum is the Principal Organist, Assistant Director of Music, and Artist-in-Residence at First Presbyterian Church, Davenport.

New Member Welcome - On Sunday, September 25, 2011, the following new members of First Presbyterian Church came before the congregation and were introduced and welcomed. They look to the whole congregation to help them become oriented and involved. Make it a point to get to know these wonderful people.



Thomas Drummond
Tom is a firefighter and paramedic with the Rock Island Fire Department and Illini Ambulance. He will be getting married at First Pres on July 14, 2012, to Alice Lingle. His hobbies are cars, motorcycles, music, reading and writing.



Camden Gass
Cam is a retired engineer from Deere and Company. He is originally from Nebraska and has served as an elder at The First Presbyterian Church of Salina, Kansas. In his spare time he enjoys swimming and walking.



James Henneman
Jim has been attending First Presbyterian for quite a while now and has decided this is going to be his home church. At his previous church in North Dakota he has served as an Elder and Sunday School teacher.



Alice Lingle
Alice is employed as a pre-school teacher at Kinder Care. She is engaged to Tom Drummond and will be married here at First Pres on July 14, 2012. In her free time she enjoys volleyball and exercising with her dog.



Darren Miller
Darren is a Para Educator and Coach for the Davenport School System. He is engaged to Michelle Robley and they are planning their wedding to be held at First Pres on April 28, 2012. He also coaches Little League, flag football & wrestling.



Michelle Robley
Michelle is employed by Genesis Medical Center as a registered nurse. Her wedding to Darren Miller will be here at First Pres on April 28, 2012. In her spare time she enjoys camping, traveling and sewing.



Jo Ann Smysor
Jo has been attending First Presbyterian Church for some time now and has decided to become a member. She is retired and enjoys spending her time bowling, golfing and traveling.



Lucy Walker
Lucy moved to Davenport from Wisconsin and has decided to join the congregation here. She is currently a student at Scott Community College. In her free time she enjoys reading, Native American studies and the Bible.



Tambala Selemani and Faila Byamleni
Tambala and Faila have been attending First Presbyterian Church for almost a year. They are originally from The Democratic Republic of the Congo and had to flee their home there because of the constant warring. They lived in a refugee camp in Tanzania for 10 years suffering incredible hardships until the camp was closed because of lack of funds.



Safi Nyasa
Safi is the eldest child of Tambala and Faila and just celebrated her eighteenth birthday on September 17, 2011. Because of Safi's leg injury, the family was chosen by World Relief Organization to come to the United States where she was able to be helped and can now walk without anguish.



Mariam Namilinga
Mariam is the second child of Tambala and Faila and was an infant when they fled the Congo. She too lived in great hardship in the refugee camp until coming to the United States. Like her parents and sister, Safi, she is enthusiastic to join the congregation here at First Presbyterian Church.

Homework Helpers – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM, at FPC

Make a difference for our community's children; be a Homework Helper! For information, contact Beth Tinsman (563-355-0090) or Nancy Foster (nancyotr97@mchsi.com).

Trunk & Treat – Sunday, October 30, 4:30 - 6:00 PM!

Trunk & Treat will be on October 30, 4:30-6:00 PM, at FPC! This is an opportunity to provide a safe Halloween experience for children from our church and from the neighborhood. We need church members who are willing to bring their cars to the event and hand out candy from the trunk. If you can't be there but still want to contribute, drop off pre-packaged treats or monetary donations at the church office anytime prior to the event. If you have any questions, contact Emily Roebuck (emily.roebuck27@gmail.com).

Play and Art Group for FPC Members, Family, and Friends

On Saturday, October 15 our play group will meet at the church from 10:00–11:30 AM. Children age birth to four years old are encouraged to play, enjoy making new friends, and experience art together. This is a great way to meet other families and make friends with people who have children in the same age group as your child. RSVP to Pastor Pamela: 563-340-8714 or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org.



Children's Worship & Wonder: October 9, 16, 23, 30

We will orient ourselves to the routine of the liturgy and hear God's stories of the Light and the Good Shepherd during our worship. This is a time for age 4-4th grade children to work with Bible stories and worship God in their own way and at an age-appropriate level. During the 9:00 AM service, we will be dismissed with a blessing from the sanctuary and proceed to the Worship Center on the 3rd floor of the CCE building. Please remember to come and escort your child(ren) to the Promise Land or Cherub Choir. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Pastor Pamela (340-8714 or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).

WNF...the place to be



Wednesday Night Fellowship (2nd- 7th grades from 6:45-7:30 PM) is the place to be!

It's where kids and leaders learn to know our loving God, grow in vibrant faith, and show God's love to others. The Bible and faith lessons focus on the centrality of God's Word and presence in our lives, and our games are co-lead by 8th grade Confirmation students and a designated parent. There's never a dull moment at Wednesday night youth group!

If you would like more information about Wednesday Night Fellowship, please contact Pastor Pamela (563-326-1691, ext. 209 or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).

High School Fellowship: Our Mission is to Change the World!

HSF meets on Sunday nights at 6:00-7:30 in Von Maur Hall.

October 2: Things Need to Change!

October 9: How Can Just 1 Person Change Anything?

October 16: We Can Change the World!

October 23: Using Liturgy to Effect Inner/Outer Change

October 30: Youth Sunday Rehearsal

If you would like more information about High School Fellowship, please contact Pastor Pamela (563-326-1691, ext. 209 or hoogheem@fpcdavenport.org).

Change the World!



Adult Learning Opportunities

Sunday Von Maur Hall Series - 10:00 AM

October 2: *Coping Successfully with Conflict*

We will explore and discuss: how individuals and people of faith respond to conflict; the unique features of church culture that either alleviate or aggravate conflict; and the art of creative dialogue and developing skills of thinking and learning together.

October 9, 16, 23, & 30: *What do Presbyterian's Believe?*

Do you believe Jesus is the only way to salvation? What do you believe about forgiveness, or the sacraments? Although each of us may believe differently about certain issues, as reformed Christians, our denomination has traditional teachings on these topics and more.

Presbyterians Today, has recently published a special issue called "What Presbyterians Believe." Church leaders have been asked to write articles on 10 central themes of our faith. These articles are each 4-5 pages long and very readable. Several of the articles have an extra page that suggests ways to discuss these topics with your children.

On Sunday, October 9, Pastor Richard Miller will begin with a presentation of "Jesus is the Way." He will share his perspective on the commonly asked question, "Must you believe in Jesus to be saved?" The following weeks we will discuss other topics in this same publication. These will be: the Sacraments (October 16), Radically Connected (October 23), and Forgiveness (October 30). Each of these latter topics will be presented in small group discussions. As you enter Von Maur Hall, choose one of the groups available. Read the articles before class if you are able, but you are welcome to join us if you are unable to do so.

Sign up for additional sessions on "What Presbyterians Believe." Do you think these topics sound interesting? Consider signing up for a Wednesday night group that will continue this series. Meeting each Wednesday evening in November at 6:30 PM, we will continue our discussion with topics such as evil, justice, predestination, and the end of the world. Please register for this Wednesday night series by calling the church office.

Monday Morning Video Discussion Series - 10:30 AM

Biblical Wisdom Literature - Wisdom is a part of our Bible that should be more familiar to us. Biblical wisdom literature does not only reflect God's teachings, it includes wisdom from the world around us and wisdom gained through human effort and experience. Bring your Bible! For additional information contact Penné Duncan (563-381-2439, or penndu@aol.com).

A Special Wednesday Evening ACE presentation

October 5, 6:30 PM: *The Chikomos' Iowa Visit*

Alice and Rev. Herbert Chikomo will speak and show slides for a Wednesday Adult Christian Education (ACE) class on Wednesday, October 5, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Please come to see them and to learn about their mission in Zimbabwe.

First Night Out Fellowship Groups - Sign-up in October

In a church the size of ours, it is often important to be a part of a smaller group or two in order to get to know each other better. First Night Out is an adult fellowship group in which small groups meet once monthly for the purpose of meeting new church friends or enjoying the company of members they have known for years. Every October, the various groups are reassigned and new members added for the coming year. Each group plans activities which can vary from picnics to going to a ball game to whatever is of interest to the group. On October 23, at 12:00 NOON, there will be a brunch for those who wish to participate. After eating, time will be allotted for the assigned groups to plan a few of their activities. The cost of the brunch will be \$5 per person and there will be sign up tables in Fellowship Hall on October 9 and 16. Please sign up in advance so assignments can be made and arrangements made for the food. If you are unable to attend the brunch, you can still be a part of a group, just let the church office know or contact Alan Helphrey (563-388-9345) or Marilyn Jorgenson (563-391-2737).

Holiday Pops Dinner/Concert - Saturday, November 19

We will again be celebrating the Christmas holiday season with a festive dinner at 5:00 PM in Fellowship Hall followed by bus transportation to the iwireless Center for the Holiday Pops concert. The cost is \$52 per person which includes the dinner, transportation, and concert tickets. We will only be selling the complete package. You can purchase your tickets in Fellowship Hall between services on October 9, 16, and 23 (concert tickets will be distributed at the dinner). A reminder postcard will be sent to you a week before the event.

BTC Book Club - Monday, October 17, 12:30 PM

Between The Covers Book Club (BTC) will meet on Monday, October 17, 12:30 PM, in the Church Parlor. Everyone is welcome for dessert and a discussion, led by Gay Hoyt, on the book *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. For more information, please contact Gay (563-391-1978).

Socializers

Lincoln and the Crucible of Civil War Saturday, October 22, 6:00 PM

Jim Keenan, an amateur but enthusiastic student of Abraham Lincoln, will present and lead a discussion about Lincoln's unparalleled role as Commander-in-Chief during the Civil War, in which his performance ranged from hesitant to brilliant. This year is the 150th anniversary of the Civil War which lasted four years, ending just before Lincoln's assassination in 1865. No single event in the history of our nation has had such a profound effect as the Civil War. Everyone is welcome to attend the next Socializers potluck dinner and program on Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall at the church. For information about Socializers, please contact Roger Powell (563-391-1593).

Get out with Feet First!

First Church's walking fellowship walks for an hour Saturday mornings on the beautiful walking trails in the Quad Cities. Everyone is welcome to put on their walking shoes and join us at 8:00 AM. If you have questions, please contact Scott Sherwood (563-391-9287).



- Oct. 1 Junge Park (35th St., west of fire station at 35th and Harrison St., Davenport)
- Oct. 8 Marquette St. Landing on Mississippi River front (Davenport) East or West
- Oct. 15 Eastern Avenue (bike path parking lot north of 29th St., Davenport)
- Oct. 22 Vander Veer Park parking lot (Central Park, between Brady and Harrison Sts.)
- Oct. 29 Village of East Davenport Landing (Foot of Mound Street)



Congregation Approves Use of Forward in Faith Funds

About five years ago, the Forward in Faith capital campaign raised over \$1 million to be used for long-term maintenance of our building and infrastructure. Most of the projects planned as part of that campaign have been completed, the most recent being the new restrooms near Fellowship Hall. At the February 2010 annual congregational meeting, the congregation approved adjustments to the project list, the largest adjustment was the deferral of installing air-conditioning in the Education building. At the end of August 2011, there were \$140,000 of Forward in Faith funds available to be used for long term capital projects. Recently, the Building & Grounds Committee identified two projects that would be an appropriate use of the Forward in Faith funds. These projects were not specifically listed as part of the original campaign materials. In August 2011, the session called a special congregational meeting for the purpose of approving these projects. The session wished to provide the congregation full understanding of how the Forward in Faith funds are being used. The session also voted to purchase a new computer server for the church's computer network with these funds and request that the congregation approve this. Our computer network has become a critically important part of the infrastructure that supports of our program and mission activities, just as our building is. Finally, the session approved asking the congregation to authorize the session, without specific congregational approval, to identify and spend the remaining Forward in Faith capital funds for future projects.

At the meeting on September 18, 2011, the congregation approved expenditures for three projects, and also approved the session having decision authority for future Forward in Faith expenditures. The goal of this decision is to provide more efficiency in working with contractors and suppliers as work is proposed, bid and begun.

Most discussion at the meeting concerned the replacement of four exterior doors. Comments expressed concern about such a change as it relates to architectural appearance of our building, as well as the cost. Pictures of the proposed doors were shown. Following approval, it was requested that the original doors not be disposed of and some alternate use be considered for them. There was also a request that information about significant changes to our building be made available to the congregation more readily and with longer advance notice than was done in this case.

If you have any comments about the Forward in Faith campaign funds or the specific projects approved, you are encouraged to speak with a current session member or a staff member. Congregational Meeting minutes will be available following the normal procedure for their creation and approval.

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.

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.

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.

Make a Note of it...

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

The Broadcaster

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Sunday Worship:
9:00 & 11:00 AM.

Handicapped Services:
First Church is handicapped accessible via the elevator entrances on the west side of the building.

Childcare: Nurseries for infants through four-year-olds are provided in the Folwell Education Center (3rd floor of the Christian Education Building) during Sunday services from 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM.

Fellowship: Enjoy refreshments each Sunday between the services.



Financial Focus		
Financial Summary for the Month of August 2011		
General Church Operation Fund		
	Month	YTD
ACTUAL		
Revenue	74,334	633,178
Expense	68,821	630,616
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$5,513	\$2,562
BUDGET		
Revenue	63,861	598,414
Expense	74,294	653,463
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(10,433)	\$(55,049)

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Today's young people face life-threatening challenges on a daily basis — substance abuse, gangs, neglect, AIDS, poverty — the list is far too long. If our youth are to grow up and become productive citizens of society — often if they are to grow up at all — they need a place where they can be just kids. They need caring adults to help them develop the skills and self-confidence to say “no” to dangerous pastimes. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that — and much more.



Enjoy an evening with Club members and celebrate their successes while getting a great steak dinner and a chance to bid on silent auction items. The event raises critical funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley. To RSVP contact Dean Bacon, Director of Development, : 309-757-5777, ext 204 or dbacon@gbcmv.org. Cost is \$50 per person. For more information contact Pastor Pamela 563-340-8714.

Our legacy of positive youth development dates back to when the Club was founded for young people in need of a place to call their own. The story of Boys & Girls Clubs is the story of America — filled with challenge, opportunity and hope.

Throughout our history, we have always held a special concern for children from disadvantaged circumstances. Our comprehensive youth development programs and services provide young people with the skills to overcome their challenges and become responsible citizens and leaders.

Your investment in Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Valley helps guarantee a strong future for our young people and our nation. We invite you to invest in America's future. The choice is yours, but the rewards are shared by everyone — especially the children who represent America's future.