

A Mother's Thoughts on Leaving Africa

by Tom Ervin (As expanded from Faila's conversations with Sue and me.)



Because of the constant warring, it was truly necessary that we leave our home in The Democratic Republic of The Congo, on the east coast of Africa. I was sad because that is my country, a country that I love. All I knew and loved was in the Congo, but to stay alive, we had to go. As we were fleeing our home in the Congo, running through the jungle, with machine gun's bullets whizzing all around us, fired by a marauding militia gang, our daughter, Safi, then just 4 years old, running as fast as she could, stepped into a hole, bent her left knee terribly backwards and broke it. There were no doctors, ever. We carried her for months and miles. My husband, Tambala, and I walked and carried Safi and her infant sister, Miriam, a distance equal in miles to that between Minneapolis, Minnesota and Dallas, Texas (1,000 miles). We walked and carried.

We finally arrived in Tanzania, a country on the west coast of Africa, and lived with 150,000 other refugees, in a refugee camp named Lugofu. Our camp was just one of 20, or so, camps of similar size within Tanzania.

In a refugee camp, on the equator, every day is the same. We never had more than one meal a day, and there were many days when there was no meal. Our family grew to nine, with little Jerome being the youngest. Amazingly, our eldest, Safi, with her painful leg, stayed alive, and did anything she could to help our family. She is so courageous.

We lived in the refugee camp for 10 years.

Then word came that Tanzania, because of the money it cost to run the camps, was closing all of them. We could not stay, but we just as surely had nowhere to go, and definitely could not return to the Congo, where we would surely perish.

We just could not believe that God had kept us alive, for nothing. We prayed to God to help us.

Then it happened. A representative from the World Relief Organization came to us and said that because of Safi's longtime broken leg, our whole family had been picked to go to America, where there were doctors who could fix her leg. We could not believe it. Very much like the suffering our Savior, Lord Jesus, endured on the cross to give us all eternal life, it was our blessed daughter's years of suffering which were now giving us...life. God had a plan all along.

But now, we had to leave Africa, the land our birth, the land which, although harsh and dangerous, contained all we loved. I remember that I cried as I thought of all the friends and family that I was leaving behind in Africa, friends that I am certain that I shall never see again. This was my big sorrow and worry, that we were going to a new country and would have no friends, nothing we knew, no one to help us, no one who cared, no one to love us.

God has brought us here, and because of the wonderful doctors, Safi is walking, without anguish, for the first time in her life. And, for me, just as importantly, because of you, First Presbyterian Church, instead of having no friends... "We have much friends, much family!"

"We are so blessed."

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The Rev. Richard Miller

Out the Study Window – As I See It

Most Christians would agree that life is an uneven journey with God's unconditional guarantee that it will ultimately end well. This side of heaven, some days seem more ragged, while other days abound with blue skies and clear sailing. I've discovered that how we experience life equates nicely with how churches make progress, too. Some days require heavy lifting while other days the burdens seem like a thing of the past.

As I look at First Presbyterian Church's long history, it could be said that God has provided us with days of testing as well as days of unparalleled opportunity. Those who were here

during the first years existed in two different locations, until finally resting here on top of the hill at Iowa and Kirkwood. In those days an early vision was cast that First Presbyterian Church was the *heart of the city*. Those days provided us with a look into the heart of what the church is all about.

What were some of the earmarks that made our formative era so exceptional? Let me enumerate a few thoughts I have discovered as I read the history of First Presbyterian. At our beginning these were our earmarks: Leaders were known for their humble service, vision and dedication to grow the church. The congregation was known for grass roots involvement and commitment to be a community. Children were highly valued. Teens were regarded with special honor. People were called by name and welcomed as friends. The worship was not ornate, but honest; and the preaching was clear and biblical. There was a fresh awareness and expectation that God was doing something extraordinary, and no one wanted to miss the boat. The vision for the world starting at our doorstep was cast with boldness; we were the *heart of the city*.

Just in case you haven't noticed...First Presbyterian Church is developing into a church that pays close attention to its scope of ministries. Today our infants and toddlers enjoy a more accessible, clean, welcoming nursery; our children learn God's Word through music, Sunday School classes, and special events. Our youth enjoy fellowship activities, mission trip opportunities, Sunday School classes, and music through various choirs. Our worship is welcoming and we are beginning to engage the questions regarding even more creative ways to worship in the future. Our Adult Education ministry keeps asking tough questions and keeps looking for ways to engage and inspire.

As we make our way down the uneven journey we call faith, let's not forget what others before us have taught. A commitment to prayer as the base for any decision or direction; leaders that are best known for their humble service; people who reject spectator Christianity in favor of authentic involvement; hard work; vision that compels; a strong commitment to keep defining mission for our time; a vital connection to be missional in the community beyond our doors; being real with God and real with each other; affirming that hurting people are attracted to a loving community where they will be accepted; believing in and building the next generation of Christian leaders; and courageous obedience to the foundation of God's Word as preached from the pulpit, taught in every class and lived out in every home.

What makes a church great does not begin with what most people see on the outside but what God sees in every heart. It is time to re-shape and restore that early vision and become again the *heart of the city*. That's how I see it.

Taize Worship Service Friday, May 6 at 6:30 PM in the Chapel



During Lent the joyous phrase "Alleluia" is missing from the liturgy, but with the dawn of Easter morning the word of praise re-enters our worship. As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, join with worshipers in this ecumenical service of prayer, meditation, and songs. The liturgy will focus on the resurrection of Christ.



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).

- May 7 Eastern Avenue (bike path parking lot north of 29th St., Davenport)
- May 14 Middle Park Band Shell (23rd St., south of creek, Bettendorf)
- May 21 Duck Creek Park picnic shelter (enter park from Locust St., Davenport)
- May 28 In recess due to Memorial Day holiday weekend
- June 4 Junge Park (35th St., west of fire station at 35th and Harrison St., Davenport)
- June 11 In recess due to Race for the Cure - plan to participate
- June 18 Village of East Davenport Landing (Foot of Mound Street)
- June 25 Ben Butterworth Parkway (public parking lot just west of Captain's Table, Moline)
- July 2 In recess for Independence Day holiday
- July 9 Leach Park (12th St. at the Mississippi River, Bettendorf)
- July 16 Credit Island (off River Dr., meet by the sculptures, Davenport)
- July 23 Lagoon at Middle Park (east on Parkway Dr. from 18th St., Bettendorf)
- July 30 In recess due to the Bix 7 Road Race

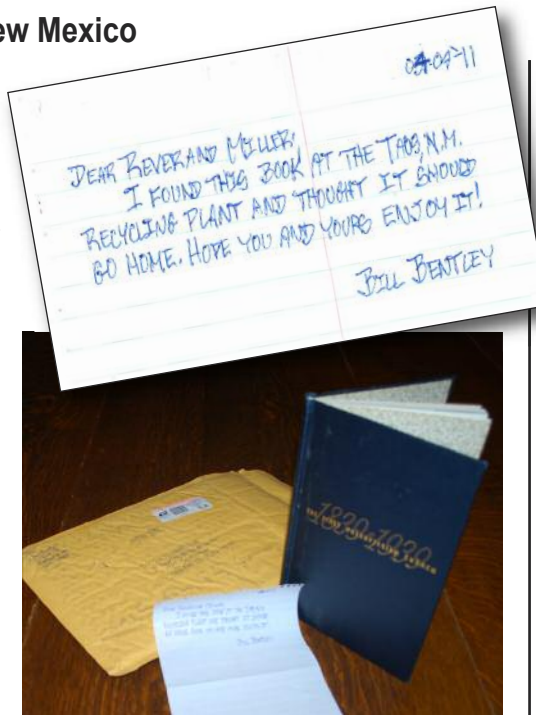
Mystery Envelope Arrives from New Mexico

What was inside the envelope? A First Church heritage treasure saved just in time out of a paper recycling bin! Early in April an envelope addressed to Rev. Miller arrived and in it was a coveted copy of the book, *1839-1939, Behind These Years, The Story of the first One Hundred Years of the First Presbyterian Church, Davenport, Iowa*. The limited edition book was published under the direction of the Centennial Book Committee of 1939 by Bawden Brothers, Inc., Davenport, Iowa.

The Heritage Committee was so pleased to receive this treasure which was rescued from the Taos, New Mexico, recycling plant. The note that accompanied the book said, "I thought it should go home. Hope you and yours enjoy it!" The book will now be stored in the newly remodeled Heritage Collection on the third floor of the Christian Education Building.

We are considering republishing the original *Behind These Years* book for church members, community leaders, and friends to purchase. It is so rich in the history of our Victorian Sanctuary and the generations of pioneers who worshipped at First Presbyterian for its first 100 years. If there is enough interest expressed the Heritage Committee will investigate further the feasibility of publishing a sequel, *1940-to present*.

Do you have First Church historical items, photos, or information you would like to share? If so, please let Diane Pumphrey in the church office know (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org or 563-326-1691, ext. 205). Recently the Heritage Committee has received extensive notes from the 125th Anniversary celebration and we are very grateful.



The newly decorated Bride's Room keeps ties with knots of the past

Have you taken the opportunity to look at the new Bride's Room located next to Fellowship Hall? If not, please take a look because it is beautiful! The remodeling of the restrooms and Bride's Room were part of the Capital Campaign. The lovely decorating of the Bride's Room was paid for by the unrestricted Memorial Funds and interior decorating expertise was donated by church member Ryan Carthey owner of Ryan James Design.

What happened to the old wedding photos that were displayed in the old Bride's Room before the remodeling? They are in safekeeping and will eventually be copied and displayed in the new room. However, your help is needed. There is more space for additional First Church wedding photos to be added to the display. So, if you have a family photo(s) of a wedding(s) that took place at First Church that you would like to share, you

may contact Diane Pumphrey in the church office (pumphrey@fpcavenport.org or 563-326-1691, ext. 205). Your picture will be copied for display and the original returned to you. The wedding must have taken place at First Pres. to be displayed, but all vintages will be accepted.



Foundation Feature

Many people dole out financial gifts in life but pay little attention to how their assets will be divided after they die. A well-conceived estate plan will help ensure that you and your heirs will enjoy the security of your assets. Yet many people fail to plan because they believe mistakenly that estate planning is reserved for the wealthy.

If you've been putting off getting your estate in order because it seems like an overwhelming task, you should know that planning to leave your assets in an orderly fashion (and remembering your church home in the process) is often easier than you anticipate.

It is important to think about whether you have the essential legal documents in place to direct the intended assets to those you love after you die. Take a close look at how your beneficiaries are named on important assets such as retirement plans. Many assets transfer to the beneficiaries named in the documents concerning those assets, regardless of what your will says. Most people named their beneficiaries when they first established a retirement account. It may be high time for you to review this information in view of changes in your family situation. Often you can plan to make a contribution to the Foundation simply by making the Foundation the beneficiary of an asset such as an annuity, insurance policy, or retirement account.

It's important to work with your financial advisor, accountant, and attorney to update your documents. These professionals can guide you through the estate planning process both to mitigate estate taxes and to ensure that both your values and your view of the future are reflected in the legal documents your attorney puts in place on your behalf.

If you would like more information on including the First Presbyterian Church Foundation in your estate plans, please contact Shannon Gruhlke or a member of the Foundation Board.



The Servant Song

*Brother, Sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.*

*We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are travelers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.*

*I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.*

*I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Till we've seen this journey through.*

*When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.*

Body, Mind, and Spirit

by Parish Nurse Barb Yankey

I must explain why I have shared with you the words to my favorite hymn. Eight weeks ago out of curiosity my husband, Jon, clicked on an e-mail from a business recruiter. Recruiters from all over are always sending mass e-mails and letters. But after answering this e-mail which stated "large metro area in Iowa", we now find ourselves heading to Des Moines. With this move we will be closer to my 90-year-old mother, a ten-week-old grandson and all of our wonderful family in between. We look forward to Jon beginning his new job on July 5, 2011.

Three and one half years ago I was blessed to be a servant when I became the Parish Nurse of First Presbyterian Church. With much sadness and regret, I have resigned my position as the Parish Nurse. The message of this hymn speaks well the words I would like to share regarding my experience here at First Pres. I wish to thank you from the depths of my soul for the privilege of being a pilgrim with you on this journey. I have received so much more from this generous, compassionate congregation than I could have ever given. My life has been richly blessed because of you. I will miss you but fond memories are forever mine.

My Love to You. Take Good Care. May Good Health and Peace Always be Yours.

Barb Yankey, R.N.

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.

The Board of Deacons takes this call seriously and is extremely grateful to the Congregation for its support of time, talent and treasure. We are one-fourth of the way through another year. Wouldn't it be wonderful to report that all the needs of the community have been met? But indeed that is not the case. The Board of Deacons financially supports a dozen different agencies that respond to these needs in ways we, as individuals, are unable.

"As long as there is need, we will serve the least, the last and the lost" so states the mission of Christian Care, Rock Island, Illinois. Started in 1916 by Guy Rodgers as a mission to meet the needs of men seeking employment in the Quad Cities, the agency has grown and evolved over the years to currently provide support to homeless men and abused women and children. Besides meeting the physical needs of individuals by providing food, clothing and shelter, Christian Care provides a comprehensive support system which includes education, legal assistance, transportation, financial education, skills training and employment, medical and dental care, and spiritual practices. Christian Care also provides a 24-7 Crisis Line to those in need throughout the community.

In a letter to the Board of Deacons, Margaret Babbitt, Director of Development, states that beyond the practical assistance provided, "it is the counseling and spiritual guidance that helps our residents discover their worth and their strengths." Christian Care does not limit the time residents can stay at the facilities as long as they are working to improve their lives and striving toward the goal of independent living. Through its rescue mission and domestic violence shelter, Christian Care serves 600 men, 125 women, and 100 children annually.

Your generous support through "green envelope" contributions enables the Board of Deacons to contribute \$375 quarterly to Christian Care. This contribution helps to cover operating expenses of the agency, as well as the programs and services offered to "the least, the last, and the lost."

Welcome New Members - On Sunday, April 17, 2011, the following new members of First Presbyterian 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.



Dennis Jorgenson

Dennis is married to member Marilyn Jorgenson and has been attending First Presbyterian for the last 12 years. They are the parents of six adult children, Sara, Julie, Shawn, Heather, Nathan and Aaron. He is the

General Manager for AD Huesing/HVP Vending. Dennis enjoys spending time with his grandchildren, woodworking and working on his 1974 MGB.



Bonnie Lang

Bonnie has been attending First Presbyterian for the past year and is the mother/mother-in-law of members Mark and Cindy Meinert. She is retired and loves spending time with

her family and friends. She also enjoys reading and volunteering.



Cathy Weik

Cathy has recently moved to Durant with her daughter Amanda. She enjoys riding her bicycle, swimming, bowling and horseback riding. Cathy and member Tim Nelson are planning a June 2012 wedding.



Amanda Weik

Amanda recently moved to Durant with her mother Cathy Weik. She is currently in the 6th grade and enjoys bicycling, horseback riding swimming and bowling.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes Adam Derrick

The Finance Office of FPC welcomes Adam Derrick to the staff as a part-time Accounting Assistant. Adam graduated from Augustana in 2007 with degree in Business Administration and Finance. After graduation he worked at Legacy Professionals, LLP in Chicago, Illinois.

Currently he is studying as a MBA student at St. Ambrose University. He resides in Rock Island and his hobbies include running, golfing, watching the St. Louis Cardinals, and reading. Please stop by and say "hi" to Adam or you may contact him at derrick@fpcdavenport.org.

FPC extends our appreciation and a very fond farewell to former Accounting Assistant Bryan Oldaker who has completed his MBA studies and accepted a position in Dubuque.



Adult Learning Opportunities

Sundays, 10:00 AM - May

Our Sunday morning adult education classes will end the year with a 4 weeks series about parables. Parables are memorable stories, but a challenge to understand. Please lend your insights into our discussions during May. Members of the Adult Christian Education Committee will lead our discussions.

May 1: Old Testament Parables. Really?

To start off our series on parables, Penne` Duncan will help us look at parables in the Old Testament. Yes, there are parables other than those of Jesus in the New Testament. Please join us!

May 8: Parable of the Pearl of Great Worth

Jim Tucker will lead a discussion on the parable of the pearl of great worth. In his usual style, the discussion will have some unexpected twists. Come add your insight to this wonderful parable.

May 15: Parable of the Fig Tree

Dennis Johns will lead a discussion of the brief parable of the barren fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), about a fig tree that does not produce fruit and the parable of the budding fig tree. (Luke 21:29-33).

May 22: Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

In this parable, workers who enter the field toward the end of the day received the same pay as those who worked all day. Doesn't seem fair, does it? Is fairness even the point of this parable? What might it be telling us about how we need to live our lives now. Might this parable be great news for us all? The parable is in Matthew 20:1-16. Mark Jones will facilitate the discussion.

PSST – Prayer Shawl Second Tuesday - May 10, 7:00 PM



With our thoughts turning to spring, warmer weather, and outdoor activities, let us not forget those who need our prayers and comfort regardless of the season.

A prayer shawl might not seem like a usable gift in the warmer weather, but for those in need a prayer shawl can provide comfort and a sense of caring and love from their church family. The need never ends.

If you like to knit or crochet and would like to join others who provide prayer shawls to the Pastoral Staff for distribution to church members, please join PSST. The group will meet on Tuesday, May 10 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the home of Karla Jones, 3458 Overland Drive, Bettendorf. Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are welcome. If you need yarn, please help yourself to the yarn found in the "Prayer Shawl" cupboard, located in the storeroom on the third floor of the CE Building. Please RSVP to Karla Jones at 563-332-9314.

Grant Funds Available The Deacons' Endowment Fund

The Deacons' Endowment Fund (DEF) was established in 2001 to help groups and organizations within the First Presbyterian Church community that are developing new mission and outreach programs by providing seed money in the form of matching grants.

What is the Deacons' Endowment Fund? This endowment fund was initially funded by the generous bequest made by a former member of the Board of Deacons of First Presbyterian Church of Davenport and subsequently received additional funding from other generous members of our Congregation. Periodically the DEF opens the application process for awarding grants. These funds are awarded for the purpose of helping to establish new mission, outreach, pastoral care, and spiritual development programs within our church community.

What type of grant is available? The DEF grants are designated to help defray the start up cost of new projects or programs according to guidelines established by the Board of Deacons. Generally these guidelines include:

Programs or projects need to be of an on-going nature rather than a one-time event.

Any money that is awarded is in the form of a matching grant. In other words, equal funding from other sources should be part of the initial planning process.

The maximum grant that can be awarded is \$5,000.

Who can apply? Grants can provide funding to any organization or group within the FPC community that is trying to start a new program or project within First Presbyterian Church or the church community.

How does one go about applying for a grant?

First each group, individual, or organization should establish a projected budget for the program, create a description of the program goals as well as an outline of how those goals will be achieved, and an organizational structure. These are critical elements of the process. A grant application form must then be completed and submitted for consideration by the Board of Deacons.

The grant application process is open for the period of March 15 through May 15, 2011.

If you have questions regarding Deacons' Endowment Fund grants or grant applications, additional information is available through the church office, at the Welcome Desk, in the Deacons' Corner, on the church's website at www.fpcdavenport.org or from Penné Duncan at 563-381-2439 or penndu@aol.com.

The Promise Land Celebration - Sunday, May 1

We've had a great year connecting with God and each other and learning about the stories of God—so let's celebrate! The party starts at 10:05 AM for 2nd-6th grades and 10:20 AM for Kindergarten – 1st grade. Please bring your child(ren) to the gym where we will play games, make a Thank You gift for all of our Shepherds and Teachers, and eat a yummy snack.

Children's Christian Education Recognition - Sunday, May 8, 9:00 AM service

YOU are the reason that our children know God's love for them—and the Children's Christian Education Committee wants to recognize your commitment and honor you during the 9:00 AM service of worship on Sunday, May 8.

Our Pre-School Sunday School was lead by Erika Schmidt, Derek and Lisa Ball, Pam Hoogheem, MaryJo Boddorf, and Angie Whalen.

Our K/1 class was taught by Kim Bohannon, Beth Runkle, Chad and Mia Carr, Cindy and Mark Meinert, Sarah Greim, and Stacy Lofgren; Shepherds were Cindy Huber and Mary Rayburn.

Teaching in the Promise Land involved Linda Ruebling, Marty Bowles Edwards, Jane Carver, Lisa Arnold, Jill Yates, Karla Jones, Beth Laureijs, Val Horvat, Jim Woods, Diane Gere, Reba Pierson, Tony Williams, Jim Keller, Carol Tucker, Molly Guard, Bruce Bufe, Tina Yoder, Patty Scott, Cathy Pratscher-Woods, Beth and Scott Tinsman, Kathy Lamb, Doug Wells, Dave Fritz, Jo Johnson, Judy Hawthorne, and Jim Franz.

Our Shepherds this year were Amy Saskowski, Marie Fraser, Gail Yingling, Kim Bohannon, and Kate Wells.

Our Confirmation 2 teachers this year were Cathy and Tom Spitzfaden, Diane and Glen Roebuck, Jill Yates was their Shepherd; Shepherds for Confirmation 1 were Karen Hean and Kim Ruge.

High School Sunday School was taught by Peter Rink and Andrew Hoogheem; Alan Guard and Paula Hartmann were their Shepherds.

THANK YOU to everyone!

May Sunday School Sessions - May 15 & 22

For children and parents who want to participate in continued learning about the stories of God, the Children's Christian Education Committee is offering special May sessions. On May 15 the story of Jesus Appears to Mary will be presented in the Worship Center (3rd floor of the CCE building) from 10:05-10:45 AM. On May 22 a DVD of "Lord of the Beans" (VeggieTales) will present a lesson on sharing your gifts; meet in room 311.

Inside Out & Upside Down on Main Street: Vacation Bible Camp



Get ready to hear Jesus' stories about the surprising love of God through fun & games, service & crafts, food & friends, and opening & closing celebration! Kids will experience high-energy music, videos, and activities while they learn five parables of Jesus. They will explore the parables in a variety of interactive ways and see for themselves how Jesus' love for each one of us makes a difference every day of our lives.

Dates: Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Place: First Presbyterian Church. We will meet in the Chapel and the 3rd floor of the CCE building.

“Show me the path where I should walk, O LORD; point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.”



Toddler Art Group





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

Baptisms: Caleb Marc Peterson (*son of Kerri and Andrew Peterson*) - April 3, 2011; William Riley Stafford (*son of Ms. Allison Leigh Stafford*) - April 24, 2011.

Confirmands: Madeline Duvall Bawden, Shannon Eileen Beshears, Aidan Patrick Connolly, Blake Field Crutcher, Schaffer McKay Ellard, Mackenzie Hoffman Kennedy, Jordan James Miller, Elsa Mae Nelson, Morgan Nicole Riedesel, Christopher Crawford Tinsman, Corralle Ann Whalen, Tori Renae Wood, Logan William Yingling - April 10, 2011

New Members: Dennis Jorgenson, Bonnie Lang, Cathy Weik and her daughter Amanda Weik - April 17, 2011

Make a Note of it...

- ▶ Summer Newsletter Schedule: As a cost-saving measure, there will be a combined June/July issue of the *Broadcaster*. Articles for the publication need to be submitted to Diane Pumphrey (pumphrey@fpcdavenport.org) by May 15.
- ▶ The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.
- ▶ Summer worship schedule changes begin on **Sunday, June 12** with **only one service of worship at 10:00 AM** followed by the Annual All Church Deacons' Picnic. The routine summer schedule begins **Sunday, June 19**, with an outdoor service at **8:30 AM** and a service at **10:00 AM** in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.
- ▶ Annual All Church Deacons' Picnic: June 12, 11:00 AM

Session Highlights:

- At its April meeting Session:
- ▶ approved a policy defining Minute for Mission and Special Announcement guidelines.
- At its March meeting Session:
- ▶ approved holding one worship service at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 12, 2011, to be followed by the Deacons' Picnic. Summer worship schedule will then start on Sunday, June 19, 2011.
 - ▶ approved using up to \$2,000 from the General Memorial Fund to furnish the newly remodeled Bridal Room.
 - ▶ approved using \$2,800 from the Capital Maintenance Endowment Fund for carpet tiles to replace specific areas of carpeting on the second floor of the Christian Education Building.

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. You may also check-out a DVD of Sunday services from the church library.

Go Green When You Communicate with FPC
 Help save on the use of paper and the cost of postage by receiving all communication from First Pres. by email. If you want to take advantage of this technologically friendly service, please contact office@fpcdavenport.org.

Have you moved? Do you have a new phone number? We need your help to keep FPC's membership records current and accurate. It is important to let the church office (563-326-1691, or office@fpcdavenport.org) know if you change your home address, email address, cell phone, or if you replace your land line with a cell phone number.

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. Thank you!

The Broadcaster

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Office Hours: M-F, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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 8:30 AM - 12:15 PM.

Fellowship: Enjoy coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall each Sunday between the services. Stop by to say hello and visit or to enjoy some refreshments.

* Part-time employee

Financial Focus		
Financial Summary for the Month of March, 2011 General Church Operation Fund		
	Month	YTD
Revenue	71,824	277,914
Expense	87,127	250,424
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(15,303)	\$27,490
Budget		
Revenue	66,737	264,222
Expense	95,747	257,681
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$(29,010)	\$6,541



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